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DUTCH BOMBERS OVER NORTH BORNEO

Successful Withdrawal Of Br. Troops From Penang

LONDON, December 19.

THE Japanese have effected a considerable landing at Hong Kong.

Heavy fighting is proceeding in Hong Kong and the position is authoritatively described as serious.

The latest information received at 14-00 hours G.M.T. stated that the garrison was still holding part of Hong Kong.

GOVERNOR STILL AT HIS POST

The Colonial Office announces that not the slightest credence should be attached to the report that Sir Mark Young, Governor of Hong Kong, has left the island for an unknown destination.

It is understood the report was circulated from Japanese source.

The Colonial Office announced on Friday afternoon that it had been in telegraphic communication with Sir Mark Young this morning.

Small Garrison And Big Area To Defend!

The Japanese have effected a considerable landing at Hong Kong. Heavy fighting is going on and the position is serious, it is stated authoritatively in London to-day.

It is added that there is comparatively a small garrison in Hong Kong and a very considerable area to defend. The defence forces of Hong Kong are partly Canadian.

There is no information regarding the Japanese claim to have landed at three different points.

Evening papers splash the Tokyo report that Japanese troops have landed at Hong Kong, while emphasising that no confirmation of the claim was received from any other source.

Japanese Claim

NEW YORK.—The Japanese occupied half of Hong Kong by early this morning, according to the Tokio radio.

The Japanese landed at Hong Kong at three points on Thursday night, says the Tokyo radio. Resistance is continuing.

Japanese Garrison Wiped Out

CHUNGKING:—To-day's Chinese war 'communique' says: "The Japanese garrison at Kuo Tek, about four miles north of Chinchun on the Canton-Kowloon Railway was almost entirely wiped out by Chinese forces on Tuesday. Chinese forces in operation on the southern sector of the railway have succeeded in tearing up a large section of the line.

Meanwhile other Chinese units are continuing their attack on Chinchun. In south-west China, Kunming, the Capital of Yunnan, was raided by Japanese planes last night. This was the first raid on Kunming for four months."

Tokyo Admits It

TOKYO:—"It appears to be true that about 10 divisions of Chinese troops under Yu Han Mour are concentrated north and west of Canton, as well as a few thousand Communist irregulars," said the Japanese Government spokesman, Mr. Tomokazu Nori, to-day.

He was commenting at a conference of foreign press on the reports from Chungking that Chinese troops were being massed in the rear of the Japanese forces attacking Hong Kong. He added that there were also irregulars operating north of Hong Kong.

EVACUATION OF PENANG

LONDON, Dec. 19.

Penang has been evacuated.

The Penang garrison has safely withdrawn. As far as is known the civil population remains.

Quiet Night At Singapore

SINGAPORE:—A communique issued at noon on Friday announces: "It was a very quiet night with nothing to report from either front. There has been a marked inactivity on the part of the enemy during the last 24 hours. This is probably due to the very heavy casualties received, both killed and wounded, which together with the exhaustion of the troops engaged, has necessitated a pause."

Next Japanese Objective

Reuter's special correspondent writes:—

The troops in Malaya, who, as announced today take up a line southward of the Singei Krian were able to withdraw through the Province of Wellesley form their last line along the River Muda, unopposed, it is revealed here tonight. This was due to the most successful rearguard action yesterday in which we prevented the enemy from forcing the Perakaka bridge the easternmost of the two possible bridges across the Muda. During this action the enemy lost many in dead.

The next Japanese objective on the mainland may now be Ipoh, the heart of Malaya's tin industry, and their aeroplanes were active over this area today. A combined push is expected across the Singei-Krian supported by a parallel push from Grik, where fighting was mentioned in the morning communique.

R.A.F. ACTIVE NEAR SAIGON

The news of 'Catalina' flying-boat operating so far failed as the neighbourhood of Saigon, revealed in tonight's communique, is the first information concerning the offensive activities of the R.A.F. since the statement a week ago that our planes attacked the enemy at Singgora in Thailand.

It is assumed, however, that this lack of information is a deliberate matter of policy in order not to reveal details to the enemy and that actually our bomber force in Malaya is being used widely not only to reconnoitre but also to blast enemy bases and line of communication.

There is no news today of the position in Borneo.

IN BR. NORTH BORNEO

The initial Japanese landings in Sarawak and Brunei appear to have been small affairs, presumably designed mainly to capture the oilfields, if they are intact.

It is possible, however, that the Japanese will, in due course, extend their occupation of North Borneo, establishing themselves in the airfields there and occupying the harbour on Labuan Island.

There is no confirmation of the rumour that there has been a Japanese landing in Sandakan in British North Borneo.

Air Bases For R. A. F.

LONDON: Though we appear to have lost at least one aerodrome in northern Malaya, there are a number of small advance bases hidden in the north from which aircraft could operate, observes the 'Daily Telegraph's' aeronautical correspondent on December 17.

At intervals to the south there are good airfields. There include Ipoh, about 80 miles south-west of the northern aerodrome at Butterworth; Sitiawan, on the coast some 40 miles south-west of Ipoh; Kuala Lumpur, capital of the Federated Malaya States, about 110 miles south of Ipoh; and Port Swettenham, about 25 miles west of Kuala Lumpur. In Singapore itself there are excellent R.A.F. facilities.

The need for more fighters is paramount. At present the majority are American 'Brewster Buffalo' machines. Small single-seaters powered by 'Wright Cyclone' 1,200 h.p. engines. They are armed with four machine-guns. There are also a few 'Blenheims and Beaufighters'.

The Netherlands East-Indies commands a fairly strong force, all of whose aerodromes are open to the R.A.F.—Reuter.

AIR RAIDS IN BORNEO

BATAVIA, Dec. 19.

A "communique" announces that Netherlands East Indies bombers attacked the Japanese in North Borneo. Owing to bad weather conditions the results could not be observed.

All Dutch planes returned safely from the raid on the Japanese in British North Borneo, it is announced.

The "communique" continues.

"Japanese navy and army planes dropped high explosive and incendiary bombs at noon on Friday at Pontianak, Netherlands West Borneo. This attack is still in progress. Thus far no damage or casualties are reported.

Joint action by the Navy and Army against Japanese settlements in British North Borneo resulted in the internment of a fairly large number of Japanese.

Scores Killed In West Borneo

BATAVIA:—Scores of persons were killed, including a number of school children, and many more were injured in the Japanese air-raid on the city of Pontianak in Dutch West Borneo, stated a 'communique' to-day.

JAPANESE ACTIVE IN PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.

The War Department announced that there was marked increase in enemy air and ground activity in the Philippines in the past 24 hours.

Two Air Raids In Waves

MANILA:—High flying Japanese planes roared over the city in unbroken formation this afternoon. The "communique" said that 24 planes were in the first group and nine in the second group.

"HIT AND RUN" TACTICS.

Air raid alarms screamed in Manila at 12-35 yesterday as a wave of Japanese bombers roared across the city to the Cavite naval base. The actual attack lasted only a few minutes, the Japanese apparently having adopted hit and run tactics. The "all clear" sounded at 13-05.

The air raiders struck about an hour after Army Headquarters had announced that there had been no enemy activity on Thursday morning.

Another air-raid alarm was sounded this afternoon. The "communique" said that no reports of bombing by the second wave of planes had been received up 4-20 p.m. and also announced that military objectives in the vicinity of Tarlac Province were bombed on Thursday afternoon by a small number of Japanese planes.—Reuter.

BRITAIN BLOCKS WAY TO SETTLEMENT

Pt. Jawaharlal was almost the first to greet Maulana Azad at the Victoria Terminus Station on the Congress President's arrival on Friday morning.

Malaya Question In Commons

LONDON, Dec. 19.

The danger arising from the Japanese advance in Malaya and East Indies to British and American rubber supplies was raised in the House of Commons on Friday. Commander King Hall pointing out that 86 per cent of the world's raw rubber came from those areas. He suggested the establishing of factories for the manufacture of synthetic rubber here or in the United States.

Mr. Harold MacMillan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply) declared: "Government are fully alive to the necessity of adjusting supply and consumption of rubber by an extended use of substitutes and other means. The method suggested will not be lost sight of."

Loss Of Aerodromes

Loss of British aerodromes in Malaya was the subject of a question in the House. Repudiating the suggestions that steps taken to defend these aerodromes had been inadequate, Mr. Duncan Sandys (Financial Secretary to the War Office), said: "All steps possible within the resources available were taken to protect Malayan aerodromes. In all cases, the loss of certain aerodromes has been the result of the general advance by invading Japanese forces. So far as I am aware these aerodromes had not been singled out for detailed attack by airborne troops and the situation, therefore, is in no way comparable with Crete".

Mr. Sandy's added: There is no evidence that any officer responsible for the defence of the aerodromes had failed in his duty and he would resent any such suggestion.—Reuter.

PENANG LOSES ITS IMPORTANCE

SINGAPORE, Dec. 19.

It is authoritatively stated that following the occupation of the Imperial Line south of the River Krian "the military importance of Penang Island has lessened."

It is understood that all military personnel and equipment have now been successfully withdrawn from the island. Penang is now completely deserted of Europeans with the exception of two British doctors, who insisted on remaining behind in order to tend the wounded from recent air-raids and do their best to prevent possible spread of epidemics.—Reuter.

Heavy Bombing Over Manila

WASHINGTON: — A 'communique' outlining the military situation as at 14-30 G.M.T. to-day said: "There was heavy bombing over Manila and over the city of Iloilo on the island of Panay.

Nothing to report from other areas

Wake Island Raided Again

A navy 'communique' states, two additional enemy air attacks have been made on Wake Island, one of which is described as "comparatively light", and the other "in greater force."—Reuter.

RANGOON COMMUNIQUE

RANGOON, Dec. 19.

A communique states that British air patrol activity has increased in the last 24 hours.

Otherwise there is nothing to report.—A. P.

Allied Conferences In Progress

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.

President Roosevelt revealed today that Allied Conferences had been in progress for weeks.

WASHINGTON:—It is authoritatively reported that anti-Axis Powers will meet here soon to co-ordinate all their resources and strength.

PHILIPPINE ARMY

MANILA:—Army Headquarters announced to-day that Gen. Valdes, Chief of Staff of the Philippine Army, and his entire headquarters were inducted into the service of the United States on Friday morning.

The Manila Labour Council has pledged full support to the United States in forming Labour battalions for the army or providing for civilian use of workers. They declared that they are willing and ready to dig trenches, build air-raid shelters and manufacture ammunitions and articles for the prosecution of war.

AUSTRALIA'S WAR COST

CANBERRA:—Elaborate plans to co-ordinate the State's war work activities with the Commonwealth policy were outlined to-day at the most momentous Premier's Conference ever held in Australia. The Prime Minister Mr. Curtin, told the Premiers that Australia's personal danger was real and pressing and everything to safeguard the country against invasion, no matter how remote the possibility appeared momentarily, was national duty and the Commonwealth should not shirk. The new expenditure figure of £270 millions for defence meant that Australia's war spending had risen more than 50 millions yearly since Japan entered the war. The Commonwealth was prepared to pay whatever necessary for A.R.P., and other defensive purposes.

DUFF-COOPER'S NEW JOB

LONDON:—It is learned that Mr. Duff-Cooper has been appointed Resident Minister of Cabinet rank at Singapore for Far Eastern affairs. Mr. Duff-Cooper will preside over War Cabinet Council and will serve under and report directly to the War Cabinet and will perform functions in the Far East similar to those performed by Capt. Lyttelton at Cairo.—Reuter.

White House Conference On War Strategy

Seven high officers, including Rear-Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, the New Commander of the Pacific Fleet, were called at the White House for a conference on war strategy.

Among those attending were Admiral Ernest J. Kin, head of the Atlantic Fleet, Major-General H. Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Forces, the War Secretary Mr. Stimson, the Navy Secretary, Col. Knox, General George Marshall, Army Chief of the Staff and Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations.

MADRAS SHOPS LOOTED

MADRAS, Dec. 19.

Much sensation was caused at noon to-day when stray looting of shops occurred in a part of the city. Panic prevailed in business quarters and shops were closed. It transpires that a sharp rise in the price of essential commodities was the cause of the trouble.

The police took prompt measures and the situation is quiet in the afternoon.—United Press.

AZAD CLARIFIES STAND TAKEN BY CONGRESS

No Division In Ranks: Next Step Lies With Whitehall

VIOLENCE OR NON-VIOLENCE, NOT THE ISSUE

"The issue before the Congress, to-day, is not that of violence versus non-violence. The main obstacle in resolving the deadlock is the attitude of the British Government towards India; unless that attitude is changed, there can be no change in our attitude. No self-respecting Indian can think of changing his attitude in the face of intransigent attitude of the British Government."

Thus declared Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President addressing a mammoth gat hering at Chowpattc on Friday evening. Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai presided.

The Congress President decla red that there was no use clouding the issues or hoping for any division in the Congress ranks. The Congress had clearly stated in the offer made at Poona that they would co-operate in the war, provided the British Government abandoned their insolent attitude towards India.

It was the August Offer made by the Viceroy which left the Congress with the alternative of either slavishly obeying the behests of the British Government or to raise their voice of protest against India being dragged into the war. Consistent with its honour the Congress had decided on the latter course in September 1940. Nothing had happened since then which could materially affect that decision.

Gandhiji Warns Against Panic

Advice To Congressmen In Assam: Issue Of A.R.P. Work

BARDOLI, Dec. 19.

Mahatma Gandhi has issued the following statement:

"As the war approaches the Indian border, people begin to get scared. I have a typical letter from Assam and others from various parts. They expect guidance from me as a war-resister and director of Satyagraha.

"So far as Satyagraha is concerned in areas such as Assam, responsible Congressmen should not offer Satyagraha, but should devote themselves to steadying those who are under Congress influence.

DON'T GET SCARED

"As to the guidance of those who would listen to the Congress or me, the people will presently have directions from the Working Committee.

But so far as I am concerned, I am quite clear that the people should refuse to be scared even though bombs may be dropped in their midst. For the time being at any rate the danger is to be expected only in the big cities. Those who do not wish to run any risk, would do well quietly to leave their cities.

It is wrong to make a rush on every scare and crowd the railway stations. The railway staff cannot possibly cope with sudden rushes. It is unmanly to rush for saving oneself. A wise and brave man will wait till the last man is safely out. What I have said applies to all Congressmen and others. I would not like it to be said of us as a nation that we run about like mad men on the approach of the slightest danger. We must face bravely any situation that may befall us.

CONGRESS AND A. R. P.

Congressmen who are war-resisters will remain at their posts and offer such assistance to the people as is within their power. They will run, at any risk, to the help of those who may be injured.

Whilst I have been and am still against Congressmen joining A. R. P., I have never thought or suggested that Congressmen should leave points of danger or fields of service.

It is not necessary to belong to any Government organisation to be able to render effective service without expectation of reward or praise. The chief thing is to preserve complete equanimity, no matter what danger faces us. This is especially so for those who are war-resisters and fear no enemy."—A. P.

TIME TO TAKE STOCK

Mr. Bhulabhai Desai said that the war had enveloped all the nations of the world and according to the latest report, even tiny Portugal was likely to be dragged in. Even when the war commenced and the Viceroy had made India Party to the war, the Congress questioned his right to do so. They got no adequate ieply for that question. So the Congress at first took the step of non-co-operation by withdrawing the Ministries. The Congress followed this up by launching a campaign of an aggressive opposition, of passive resistance. It was now their duty to find out where the Congress stood after 15 months.

The Congress Working Committee would be meeting in four days' time to find out if there was any change of heart on the part of Britain. The release of prisoners by itself had no particular effect. It had been pointed out even by the British Press that the release was not in itself an adequate step, in the matter of ensuring the co-operation of the Congress in the British and American war efforts.

THESE 15 MONTHS

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad in the course of his speech recalled how fifteen months ago, in September last, he had come to Bombay and addressed a similar gathering. During these fifteen months, the world had aged several hundred years. Such changes, such catastrophies as did not take place in centuries had occurred during the last fifteen months. But he asked where India stood in this fast changing world. India's position had remained static and she was at present where she had been fifteen months ago.

At that time the Government thought it necessary to arrest some of them. Now the Government were pleased to release them before the expiry of their term. They did not rejoice when they were arrested, nor did they grieve; they were not unhappy that they were released, nor were they pleased. He quoted a Urdu couplet which said that people came not into the world at their will; they were not going out at their pleasure.

THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM

Such action as the Congress had taken had not been taken with view to get the doors of the jail open. Such action was taken with a view to open the hearts of certain people and to get the greater jail gate, that is India, to be opened. Not one of the ar-

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M. D. BHAT,
Municipal Commissioner,
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Public Notices

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After the 23rd December persons still desiring paid spare-time employment in the Auxiliary Fire Service or Rescue Service should call at A. R. P. Headquarters, Council Hall, Fort Bombay, during Office hours. (6798)

THE BOMBAY YARN EXCHANGE LTD.

NOTICE.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the Exchange have resolved that in continuation of the Notice, dated 16th December, 1941, Members of the Exchange are allowed to do new Hedge Contract business for December, 1941, delivery, without any restrictions as to rates but subject to the rules and regulations of the Exchange

By order of the Board,
H. M. TALATI,
Secretary.

19th December, 1941.
Hanuman Building,
Tamba Kanta, Bombay 3. (6880)

G. I. P. RAILWAY
Special Train Notice

On and from SATURDAY, 20th December, 1941, Nos. 29 Down and 30 Up Nagpur Express trains will be cancelled between Bombay and Bhusaval as a temporary measure. These trains will continue to run between Bhusaval and Nagpur on their present timings. (6877)

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, LD., have contracted to sell the under-mentioned property to our clients. Any person having any claim in or to the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lease, lien, easement or otherwise is hereby required to make the same known in writing to us in our Office No. 14K, Hummum Street, Fort, Bombay, and to the Assessor of Municipal Rates and Taxes within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Pension or Tax land or oart formerly called Kheidawady but now known as Angrias oart situate, lying and being at New Parbhadevi Road at Mahim, without the Fort, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement thirty-two thousand three hundred and ninety-six sq. yds., or thereabouts (less 1756 sold in exchange to the Crown Spinning and Manufacturing Co. Ltd.) plus 1756 sq. yds., taken in exchange from the said Company by the Deed of Exchange dated 1-6-1923 registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos. 175, 177 and 220, 350, 414, 524, 537, 538, 569, 754, New No. 3804, Old Survey Nos. 514, 516 to 519 and New Survey Nos. 1811 and 1816 and bearing Cadastral Survey Nos. 1|1142, 1|1142 and 1143 of the Lower Parel Division together with the messuages tenements and other buildings standing thereon and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward Nos. 18 G 30 67(1) and (6), (8-8A), (9) and (12), 3067 (2), 3067 (2A), 3067 (3), 3067 (3A), 3067 (4), 3067 (5), 3067 (7), 3067 (10), 3067 (11), 3067 (13), 3067 (14) 3067 (15), 3067 (19), 3068, 3069, 3070 (1) 3070 (1A-1B), 3070 (2), 3070 (3), 3071 (1A) 3071 (2) and 3073 (1) and Street Nos. 531 etc., 38, 38A, 531 B, 60, 60 A, 62, 62 A, etc., 40-48, 531D, 531 F, 531 I, 531 J, 531 L, 531 M, 531 N, 531 R, 88 A, 88 B, 88 D, 88 C, 88 F, 88 E, 535AA, 80, 80A, 82-84 and 78 all which premises are bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the North partly by the property of Bhagwandas Murlidhar, partly by a passage and partly by the New Parbhadevi Road, on or towards the South partly by the property of the Crown Mills, partly by a private temple belonging to Sayaji Nagooji and by a passage 5 feet wide from the New Parbhadevi Road to the said temple and partly by the New Parbhadevi Road, on or towards the East partly by the property of Bhagwandas Murlidhar and partly by the property of Ranchordas Harjivan and Mathuradas Haridas and on or towards the West by the New Parbhadevi Road aforesaid.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1941.

MERWANJI KOLA & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys. (6873)

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LOST DUPLICATE TEMPORARY RECEIPT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Original Temporary Receipt No. 423 and Duplicate Temporary Receipt No. 126 in respect of Ten Ordinary shares Nos. 331331 to 331335 and 394762 to 394766 of the Bombay Electric Supply and Tramways Co., Ltd. standing in the name of Shah Ghela Ladha, deceased, have been lost, mislaid or destroyed. Any claim in respect of these shares should be notified to the Company at their Registered Office, Electric House, Post, Fort Bombay, No. 1, within 15 days from the date hereof, otherwise a triplicate temporary receipt will be issued irrespective of any claim in respect thereof.

Dated, 20th Dec. 1941. (15525)

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SULEMAN HAJI AHMED OOMER of Bombay Muslim has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. Any person claiming in or to the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lease, lien, easement or otherwise is hereby required to make the same known in writing to us in our office at Central Bank Building, 55, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay and to the Assessor of Municipal Rates and Taxes within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to any such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece or parcel of vacant land, situated at Warden Road, without the Fort of Bombay forming part of the property, known as Westfield Estate and bounded on the South and East by the property of Mr. Faiz B. Tyabji, on the North by a straight line parallel to the boundary, on the south side and at a distance of 80 feet from the south side thereof and on the West partly by a straight line being the extension in a straight line of the western boundary of the property belonging to Mr. Faiz B. Tyabji and partly by a 20 feet road and which said plot is part of C. S. No. 698 of Malabar and Cumballa Hill Division.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1941.

S. F. B. TYABJI & CO.
Purchaser's Attorneys. 6881

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JAYAWANT VINAYAKRAO TALCHERKER, KRISHNARAO VINAYAKRAO TALCHERKER and YESHWANT HARISCHANDRA TALCHERKER, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients. ALL PERSONS having any claim against or to the said property by sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Aili Chambers, Dean Lane, Fort, Bombay, within FOURTEEN DAYS from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land or ground of Foras tenure (redeemed) with the messuages, tenements standing thereon situate, lying and being at DeLisle Road, Bombay, within the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and containing by admeasurement 2444 square yards or thereabouts registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Nos. a 1a 12090, 12112, 12193, 12090 Laughton's Survey No. 2|2838, A2|2838, Cadastral Survey No. 240 of Lower Parel Division bounded, on or towards the North by C. S. No. 241, by the East by C. S. No. 236, 237, 238, 239, on the South by C. S. No. 235 and on the West by C. S. No. 242 of Lower Parel Division and assessed by the Bombay Municipality under G Ward Nos. 2299 (1), 2299 (2), 2299 (3) and Street Nos. 142 (c), 140-142-142B. 406B.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1941.

CHANDRASEN & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys. (6855)

Public Notices

B. B. & C. I.

CHRISTMAS TRAVELLING FROM BOMBAY.

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in order to restrict the booking of passengers to the extent of the accommodation available, tickets will be obtainable only at Bombay Central and Dadar on 22nd, 23rd and 24th December.

City Booking Offices will not be open for passenger booking on these dates. Church Gate Station will not be open for booking by Mail and long distance Passenger trains. (6874)

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NAROTTAMDAS TULSIDAS MODY, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned properties to our client free from all encumbrances. Any person having any claim in, to or upon the said properties by way of sale, mortgage, exchange, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lease, lien, easements or otherwise is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office 98, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be treated as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES.

ALL THOSE pieces or parcels of Pension and Tax land together with the messuages, tenements or buildings standing thereon situate at Old Hanuman Street or Lane and Old Hanuman Street, First Cross Lane, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 459 Square Yards or thereabouts and bearing Collector's Old Nos. 257-628, New Nos. 1825-2901, Old Survey Nos. 47, 1|1188 and New Survey Nos. 1668 and 1668 and bounded as follows; that is to say, On the East by the property of Sarafally Mamuji, On the West by the property of Haji Mahomed Kassum, On the North by the Old Hanuman Lane and on the South partly by the property of Sarafally Mamuji and partly by Improvement Trust land and the buildings whereon are assessed by the Bombay Municipality under "C" Ward Nos. 1433, 1434, 1434 (1), 1434 (2), 1434 (3) and 1435 and former Street Nos. 36-38-40-42-44-46-46A-46B and 48 and present Street Nos. 15-17-19-23 and 25 and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 841 Bhuleshwar Division.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1941.

SHAH & CHINUBHAI,
Purchaser's Attorneys. (6870)

NOTICE.

Re: Estate of MOTIBAI, daughter of Sorabji Davar Dingi and widow of Fardunji Framji Siganporia. ..... Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having any claim against the estate of Motibai, daughter of Sorabji Davar Dingi and widow of Fardunji Framji Siganporia, late of Bombay Parsi Inhabitant, deceased, who died at Bombay, on the 12th day of February, 1941, and Probate of whose Will having effect throughout the Province of Bombay was granted by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay on the 15th day of December, 1941, to Rustomjee Bomanjee Gandhi, Maneckshaw Rustomji Javeri and Hormusji Kaikashru Hathadaru, are required to send in their claims within one month from this date to the undersigned Solicitors for the said Executors at their Office in Wadia Building, 17-19, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, after which date the Executors will proceed to administer the assets having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have received notice, and no claim sent in subsequently will be recognised.

And all persons indebted to or holding any securities or property belonging to the said deceased are hereby required forthwith to pay the amount owing by them and or to deliver up the said Securities and/or the property as the case may be to the said Executors at the office of the said attorneys Messrs. Framji J. Jesia & Co., at their address aforesaid.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1941.

FRAMJI J. JESIA & CO.,
Attorneys for the Executors. (6878)

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. KRISHNARAO NARAYAN MALPEKAR, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to a client of ours.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Karim Chambers, 40-44, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof; otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of Pension and Tax (cess redeemed) land or ground with the messuage tenement or dwelling house, standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Dadar Gulley formerly known as Church Street, Lower Mahim, Dadar, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 430 Square Yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New No. partly 3601, 3686 and 4326, New Survey No. 1854 (Part), Cadastral Survey No. 6|1416 of Lower Parel Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under G Ward No. 3334(5) and Street No. 10B and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the East by the property formerly belonging to Sakharam Krishnarao Acharya, on or towards the West by the property formerly belonging to Jagannath Kalkrishna, on or towards the North by the property formerly belonging to Sumant Yeshwant Joshi and on or towards the South by the property formerly belonging to Vasantrao Vinayak Jawale and which said premises are occupied by the tenants of the Vendor.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1941.

M. V. GOKHALE & CO.,
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NEW YORK COTTON TRADERS AWAIT PRICE CONTROL

Routine Business Of Price Fixing

MARKET CLOSES STEADY

Bombay, December 19

On Thursday, the New York cotton market was quietly steady in the absence of any fresh development. The market was indecisive and there was routine trade price fixing and light hedging with attention focussed on action of price control and classification of latest ceiling regulations with regard to finished textiles. The market closed steady.

Chicago grains were narrow and hesitant awaiting the outcome of the controversy in Washington over various price ceiling impositions.

NEW YORK MARKET

At the opening March was quoted 3 points up at 15.79 and declined to 15.76 which was the lowest level. Thereafter there was improved demand and March advanced to 16.84 which was the lowest level. The market finally closed at a net rise of 4 to 8 points. Spot cotton prices were unchanged at 17.99c. per lb

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was fairly steady with moderate buying and closed at a rise of 9 to 5 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 9 points at 17.09c. per lb. It is interesting to note that around 16.75 there is good demand for March contracts and traders are inclined to await price ceilings. The Government is anxious to check inflation and is out to fix price ceilings. Textile prices are fixed but there are some implications and the trade is inclined to have a clear understanding. In the meantime demand for textile remains active and Mills are running at full capacity. The consumption outlook is encouraging and eventually we look for higher prices. However much depends upon Government action and war news.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest (12-7 p.m.)	16.84+08
New York March lowest (10-14 a.m.)	16.76

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:

New York: Market narrow and featureless. Undertone steady.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, December 18

January	16.42+06
March	16.80+04
May	16.95+04
July	17.01+08
October	17.07+08
December	16.98
Middling Spot	17.99

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, December 18

January	16.52+09
March	16.89+09
May	17.03+08
July	17.09+08
October	17.23+07
December	17.26+06
Middling Spot	17.09+09

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, December 18
Noon call.

March	16.80
May	16.95

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS
New York, December 18

Day's receipts at all U S ports 9,000 bales

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, December 19

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York.

London Spot silver was unchanged at 23 1/2d. but forward quotation was raised 1/16d at 23 9/16d. There was small business in forward and absence of offerings hardened prices. New York Spot silver was unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay Spot silver parity was Rs. 62-10-3 and forward parity was Rs. 62-12-6. The local market was quiet yesterday on general liquidation influenced by large arrivals. Undertone is very steady and operators are optimistic as cash demand is large. The market was very steady to-day with moderate demand. Mint gold is quoted at a premium of annas 12 over forward and Mysore gold is about Rs 2 higher. Ready silver is about Rs. 4/10 over forward. This shortage of supplies and the market is liable for violent fluctuations. Those who are short are caught. Quotations were as under:

GOLD

Ready	Rs. 49 0 0
Posh	48 7 0
Sovereigns	33 1 0

SILVER

Ready	71 4 0
Posh	66 4 0

LONDON GOLD
London, December 18

Gold Bars Fine per oz £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER
London, December 18

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 9/16

LONDON RUBBER
London, December 18

London smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb. ..... unquoted

LONDON EXCHANGES
London, December 18

T T London on:— Market rates unchanged.

LONDON SEEDS
London, December 18

Rozario Santa Fe	22/4 1/2
Barletta Russo	22/6
South Australian	27/6

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BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay December 19

Following a rise of 4 points in New York cotton futures, the local market was expected to open at Rs. 233 for Broach A/M delivery but the market opened easy in sympathy with Mahajan Association and trading commenced at Rs. 230/8 and improved to Rs. 232 on scattered buying. At this level there was renewed selling and prices declined to Rs. 230/12 and steadied.

To-day weekly tejimandi is to be settled and to-morrow monthly options are to be settled. Thus the market is under the control of powerful operators. Large scale option business is disturbing the normal course of price movement. Judging New York steadies, the decline in the local market is overdone and with heavy liquidation the technical position is health. Moreover Oomra position is manipulated and arrivals are limited.

Later on with unfavourable war news, there was renewed selling and prices declined to Rs. 229. There was futher selling and prices declined to Rs. 227. There was heavy selling by Khelavalas and option dealers and the market displayed poor absorbing capacity as support was withdrawn. The market closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

Broach A/M	Rs. 227 12 0
Oomra D/J	195 12 0
Oomra March	179 4 0
Oomra May	170 12 0
Bengal D/J	141 0 0
Bengal March	142 8 0
Bengal May	144 0 0

COTTON TENDERS.

	Bombay. December 19 To-day.	Total.
Bengal	300	2450
Oomra	3900	25050

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, December 19

	Extra Sprfine	Sup Fine	FG	Good
M G Bengal U P	148	145	142	139
M G Punjab	148	145	142	139
M G Oomra No. 3	204	201	198	195
M G C P No. 1	239	236	233	230
M G C P No. 2	217	214	211	208

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, December 19

Bengal Fine Old 132-35 Ready 144/47
Berar Old 162-67 Ready 195/97 Dec Par. Jan —2.
C. P. 1 Old 202-07 Ready 227/30 Dec +30 Jan +26
C. P. 2 Old 172-77 Ready 207/11
Khandesh Old 135-38 Ready 142/47
Muglai Old 142-47 Ready 152/54
Broach Old 186-96
Broach Low Old 151-56

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay, December 19

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales.	Yesterday.	This year	Last year
Khandesh	233	13,129	24,606
Central India	78	6,502	5,120
Barsi and Nagar	775	16,543	13,678
Hyderabad/Gaorani	52	622	3,961
Berar	2,124	39,155	47,447
Central Provinces	309	13,563	4,596
Total Oomras	3,571	89 514	99,411
Dholeras	56	12,647	4,535
N W Provinces	.....	949	3
Rajputana	.....	279	679
Sind-Punjab	1,173	134,775	139,423
Broach	.....	14,427	6,562
Coompta & Dharwar	.....	5,494	22,740
Westerns-Northerns	.....	5,411	25,097
Cocoanada	.....	.....	170
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	.....	7,397	522
Total	4,800	270,893	299,052
Arrived by road to 11th December 1941	...	17,500	32,000

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES

F P Bales	1941-42	1940-41
Receipts to date 18-12-41	2176000	2293000
Receipts yesterday 18-12-41	9000	8000
Export to date 12-12-41	570000	542000
Stock at Ports 12-12-41	3375000	3338000
Stock at Interior Towns 12-12-41	3349000	3280000
Quantity in sight 12-12-41	6246000	6558000

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, December 19

Wheat January	0 1 6
Wheat May	0 11 0
Linseed May	1 1 6
Groundnut February	3 10 0
Castorseed May	5 12 0
Cottonseed January	1 8 0
Cottonseed May	3 0 0
Silver 1st settlement	1 14 0
Silver 2nd settlement	3 14 0
Gold 1st settlement	1 12 0
Gold 2nd settlement	3 8 0

COTTON PARITY

Broach A/M below New York May 797 cent points at 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, December 17

Broach A/M highest 237 lowest 232 1/2 closing 232 3/4
Oomra D/J highest 202 1/2 lowest 198 1/2 closing 198 1/2
Oomra March highest 187 lowest 183 closing 183
Oomra May highest 188 1/2 lowest 184 1/2 closing 184 1/2
Bengal D/J highest not quoted lowest not quoted closing not quoted.
Bengal March highest 147 lowest 144 1/2 closing 144 1/2
Bengal May highest 148 1/2 lowest 145 closing 145

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay December 19

Groundnuts February:—	
Opening	Rs. 44 7 0
Highest	44 7 0
Lowest	44 2 6
Closing	44 3 0
Cottonseeds January—	
Opening	28 2 0
Highest	28 4 0
Closing	28 2 0
Cottonseeds May—	
Opening	26 13 0
Highest	26 14 0
Lowest	26 13 0
Closing	26 13 6
Castorseeds May—	
Opening	44 4 0
Highest	44 10 0
Lowest	44 4 0
Closing	44 10 0

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATION

Bombay, December 19

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs. 134; 28 124; 35 122; 42 120; 49-56 118

Brass sheets Flag Brand lb. 20-21 Rs. 122; 24 116; 28 114; 35 110 42 108; 49-56 106

Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 78; Rosita Rs. 75; Country make Rs. 65; Piglead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 32/8 per cwt.

Tin Ingot Penang Rs. 66 per qr.

Settlement rates:—

Copper sheets Chalter opened Rs. 121 at 3 p.m. Rs. 128.

Piglead 'B.M.' Maha Rs. 32. Tin Ingot Penang Maha Rs. 64 (highest fixed by the Association).

Market tone: Copper was firm to-day Tin, Lead and Spelter were firm. The highest rate is fixed by the Association for Copper, Tin and Lead is Rs. 130, Rs. 64 and Rs. 33 respectively.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, December 18

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£69 1/2
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948 or later	£90
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£98 5/8
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£81 1/4
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£106 3/8
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£104 3/8
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£114 1/4
Victory bonds 4 per cent	£113 7/8
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£7 3/4
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London Reg)	£63
National Bank of India	£31

Share Bazar Resumes Forward Business

STEEL AND TEXTILE SHARES RISE

Natural Recovery After Recent Crisis

Bombay December 19

After a lapse of four days the local Share Bazar renewed forward business and with bottom prices fixed, there was moderate buying and short covering. Forward trading will be discontinued from June, hence those who buy new are supposed to take delivery. But the market which has a long standing record of speculative activity cannot be free from it beyond some cautious buying. There had been considerable business and shorts will have to cover in due course.

On Thursday, the Wall Street market opened narrow and was hesitant and with no change in influence, traders continued undecided and values shaded with light net declines predominating while persistent tax and some holiday selling aided the downward trend. U. S. Steel were unchanged at

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, December 19

Bombay Dyeing (1180) 1210 1230 1220 1241 1235 1246
Century (395) 407 413 426 425 422 430 429
Central India (360) 386 395 396 398 402
Kohinoor (465) 510 515 512 523 522 524 519 520
New Great (291) 310 315 310 325 322 326
Simplex (205) 217 233 231 334 232 235 234
Swadeshi (380) 407 418 417 422 418 440
Associated Cement (153) 160 164/8 154
Tata Power (1650) 1700 1680 1660
T Steel Defd (1660) 1725 1740 1725 1746 1725 1740
T Steel Ord (306) 325 330 327 330 327 330 329
Tata Steel 2nd Pref (130) 137 136 139 138
Bellapur (255) 285 290 284 291 295 290 292
B Steam (302) 305
B Burma (305) 330 340 365 360

50 1/2 and Anaconda Copper Mining shares gained 5/8 at 26. General Motors declined 3/4 at 29 1/4 dollars.

The local market will remain closed for X'mas and New Year holidays and there will be less inclination to increase business. Tata Steel Defd shares opened at a rise of Rs. 75 at Rs. 1735 and improved to Rs. 1740. At this level there was moderate selling and values declined to Rs. 1725 but renewed support hardened quotation at Rs. 1745. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 325 and improved to Rs. 330 but after declining to Rs. 327 improved to Rs. 330. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs 1210 and after advancing to Rs. 1230 declined to Rs 1220 but again improved to Rs. 1235. Bombay Burmas were steady at Rs. 365. There was general improvement in the market as the market is well liquidated. There is no change in the industrial situation but weak long interest near the top and utter absence of demand coupled with extensive liquidation resulted in heavy declines. The market is now recovering and is adjusting position. The improvement is natural and will be carried further. However in view of holidays we do not look for any runaway markets. Towards the close there was small selling in Defds and declined to Rs. 1725 but other shares were steady.

TEXTILES

Bombay, Dec. 19.

100	Ahmedabad Advance	398 0
250	BOMBAY DYEING	1246 0
100	CENTURY	429 0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	402 0
100	Colaba	223 0
100	Coorla	193 0
250	David	402 0
250	Dawn	585 0
1	E D Sassoon Defd	3 3 6
100	FINLAY	246 0
100	GOKAK	301 0
1000	Hindustan XD	2875 0
100	Indore	253 0
100	Khatau	260 0
100	KOHINOOR	470 0
250	LAXMI	680 0
250	Madhusudan	380 0
100	MORARJI	540 0
250	Model XD	202 0
50	MYSORE	132 0
200	NEW GREAT	325 0
100	Oosmanshahi	253 0
100	Podar	217 0
100	Phoenix	482 0
25	Sassoon Silk	87 0
1000	Sholapur	676 0
50	SIMPLEX	234 0
100	SWADESHI	440 0
100	SWAN	25 0
500	Vishnu	1600 0
1000	Western XD	2035 0

BANKS

50-100	Baroda	110 0
25-50	Central India	46 12
500	Imperial	1600 0
125-500	Imp. Conty.	882 0
50-100	India	140 0
100	Reserve Bank	104 0
5	Union	7 7 6

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED	164 0

INSURANCE

10-50	British India	18 0
100	Empire	770 0
15-100	Jupiter	17 0
20	Mercantile	52 0
15-75	New India	49 8
200	Oriental	4710 0
10-50	Vulcan	10 4

ELECTRIC

100	Ahmedabad Old	181 14
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1862 0
10	Ajmer	12 11
50	BOMBAY TRAM	148 0
100	Bombay Suburban	188 2
10	Broach	13 6
100	Karachi	217 0
100	Poona	227 0
100	Surat	187 0
100	TATA HYDRO	185 0
1000	TATA POWER	1660 0

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij	877 0
100	C. Provinces	107 0
100	Dhond Baramati	104 4
100	Gujarat	105 0
100	Mandra Bhon	107 0
100	Pachora Jamner	93 0
100	Sara Sirajuani	107 0
500	Tapti Valley XD	641 0

MININGS

8sh	Burma Corp	3 5
8sh	Indian Copper	2 1
10	Indian Iron and Steel	30 4
30	SHIVRAJPUR	35 0
10	Tarkwa Ltd XD	14 0
30	TATA STEEL DEF	1740 0
75	TATA STEEL ORD	329 0
10	Steel Corporation	18 0

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCOCK	685 0
10	Air Services	3 14
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	292 0
200	Bombay Safe Dep	650 0
250	BOMBAY STEAM XD	305 0
100	B Burma	360 0
50	Contry	127 0
8sh	Br B Petrol	2 5 6
100	IND BLEACHING	200 0
50	Ind Invest Trust	52 0
100	Indian Radio Def.	660 0
100	Indian Radio Ord	630 0
100	Port Canning	90 0
30	PREMIER Con XD	118 0
15	Scindia	22 4
25	Tata Oil	56 0
20	Tata Chemical	16 8
100	Wimco	206 0

PREFERENCE

7	p.c Andhra Valley	1560 0
6	p.c. Bombay Steam	325 0
5	p.c. Central India (TF) XD	627 0
7	p.c. Bom Tram (TF)	76 0
6 1/4	p.c. Prem Const 2nd	136 0
6 1/2	p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	139 0
7 1/2	p.c. Tata Power XD	1857 0
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st	211 0

Indian Stock Exchange

Bombay, December 19

The trend of the market was upward today by on some scattered buying attracted by the prevailing low rates. Tata Deferreds opened at 1625 against the previous closing of 1595 and forged ahead to 1690, while Tata Ordinaries went up from 305 to 322. Textile shares also fared better and Bombay Dyeings advanced to 1185. Indian Irons were better off at 30/4

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day:

Tata Deferreds (1595) 1625 70 50 90
Tata Ordinaries (297) 305 18 15 22
Tata Ordinary 322; Tata Deferred 1590; Indian Iron 30/4; Steel Corpn of Bengal 18/4; Bombay Dyeing 1180; Central India 357/8; Century 397/8; Gokak 257/8; Kohinoor 475; Sitapex 196/4; Andhra Valley 1645; Tata Hydro 170; Tata Power 1580; Associated Cement 159; Belapur 236/4; Bombay Burma (old) 327/8.

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay Dec. 19.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/57 Loan	97
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes	92-12
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan	98-8
3 per cent 1943/52 Loan	98
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan	108
4 per cent 1943 Bonds	103-2
3 per cent War Bonds	101
4 1/2 per cent 1955 Loan	112-0

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan	108-12
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore	115
5 per cent 1950 Mysore	128-8

CORPORATION DEBENTURE

4 per cent B P T 1947	108
4 per cent M Deb 1947	108
6 per cent M Deb 1954	128-0
5 per cent K P T 1956	129 8

Trend: Quiet.

Yarn And Silk Merchants Quotations

Bombay December 19

64/2 Koru Nissin:—		
Spot	Rs.	33 8 0
December		33 8 0
84/2 Koru Nissin:—		
Spot		41 8 0
December		41 12 0
52/2 Any:—		
Spot		3 3 0
December		3 3 0
80/2 Any:—		
Spot		3 9 6
December		3 9 6
150 Any:—		
Spot		3 5 0
December		3 5 0
7 p.c Vishnu		746 0

DEBENTURES

3 3/4	p.c Andhra Valley Deb	
4	p.c. Bombay Telephone	94 4
5	p.c. Morarji	104 0
7	p.c. Sholapur	71 6
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	105 8

Cash Quotations were as under:— BOM. DYEING 1185, CENTURY 398, CENTRAL INDIA 350, COLABA 185, FINLAY 225, GOKAK 257 KOHINOOR 472, MORARJI 500, MYSORE 155, NEW GREAT 285, PHOENIX N472, SIMPLEX 198, SWADESHI 380, SWAN 214, ASSOCIATED 160, ANDHRA VLY. N1650, BOM. TRAM 137, TATA HYDRO 170, TATA POWER 1590, SHIVRAJPUR 29. TATA STL. DF. 1697, TATA STL. OR. 322, ALCOCK 575, BELAPUR SUGAR 242, BOM. STEAM 291, BOMBAY BURMA 340, IND. BLEACHING N145, PREMIER CONST. 110.

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COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES.

MARCH
New York: December 19.

Previous closing	16.80
To-day's opening	16.90
Difference	+10
To-day's closing	not received
Broach April/May	not received

FROACH EXPECTATION.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York: December 19.
Following are the New York opening ranges:—
New York cotton cable not received.
March (16.79/77) 76 92/90
May (15.95/94) 17.05/05
July (unquoted) 17.08/08

LONDON COMMODITIES.

London: December 19.
SEEDS
Castorseeds Dec/Jan (£20 1/2 sellers) £20 3/4 sellers
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta Dec/Jan (£20 9/16 sellers) £20 3/4 sellers
Linseed La Plata Dec/Jan (£15 3/8 sellers) £15 1/2 sellers
Groundnut Coromandal Coast Dec/Jan. (£19 1/4 sellers) £19 3/8 sellers.
JUTES
Dundee October/November unquoted.
Lightning October/November unquoted.
RUBBER
Spot unquoted
Forward December unquoted.
LONDON METALS
Tin not quoted
Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 2 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

3 1/2 PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London: December 19.
3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £98 5/8
Movements on the Stock Exchange were narrow.
AUSTRALIAN LOANS
London: December 19.
5 per cent 1958/68 £101 1/4
BRITISH FUNDS.
2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £81 1/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 5/16
2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 7/8
4 per cent Funding Loan £114 1/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £104 5/16
New York Loan £101 3/16
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds £113 7/16
INDUSTRIALS
Standard Motors 16-7
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 36-0
Electric Music Industry 13-9
Pinchin Johnson 21-4
Imperial Chemical 32-0
Woolsworth New Ordinary 57-10
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £71
Dundee 35-7
Unilever Ordinary 29-1
Ford Motors 24-3
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £65 3/4
British American Tobacco Ordinary £4 7/32
Carreas 'A' £5 9/16
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 1/4
P and O Defd 27-1
Distillers 71-3
Bredfordis Dye 8-1
British Celanese 6-0
J and P Coates 37-1
Courtaulds Ordinary 33-9
Fine Cotton Spinners 5-7
Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-6
Inter Nickel dol 40 1/4
Indian Iron 48-9
TEA SHARES
Assam 17-0
Donaro Tea 31-3
Empire of India 19-4
JUTE
Barnagore £9
RUBBER SHARES
Anglo-Dutch Rubber 13-9
Guia Kelampong 12-6
Rubber Plant Inv Trust 20-0
MINING SHARES
Nandydrug 17-6
Burma Corporation 4-9
Rio Tintos £7
East Rand Properties £2 7/32
Rand Mines £7
MINE SHARES
Crown £10 3/8
Associated Portland Cement 46-3
Trinidad Leasehold 67-6
Sub Nigel £7 5/16
Spring Mines Split Shares £1 7/32
Union Corporation 156-3
OIL SHARES
Venezuela Persian 36-0
Anglo-India 44-4
Burma Oil £2 5/16
Mexican Eagle 10-4
Shell Transport £2 7/16
Royal Dutch £20
RAILWAY SHARES
Great Western Ordinary £41 3/4
London Midland Ordinary £16 3/4
London North Eastern Defd £1 1/2
London Southern Defd £14 3/4
London Transport 5 per cent £126
London Transport £41

New York Stock Exchange

New York: December 19.
New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—
General Motors (dol 30) dol 29 5/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 25 3/8) dol 26 1/8
United States Steel Common (dol 50 1/2) dol 50 3/4
United States Steel Pref (unquoted) unquoted.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN

London: December 18.

	This week £
Total bullion	905,000
Public deposits	10,700,000
(a) Other deposits	174,800,000
Government securities	135,700,000
(b) Other securities	25,200,000
Notes and Coin	40,200,000
Notes in circulation	740,100,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities 22.01 per cent.	
(a) Other deposits include bankers	121,200,000
(b) Other securities include discount and advances	3,600,000
Total deposits	185,500,000
Total securities	158,900,000

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 19-12-1941.
Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours —.073 inches.
Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 74.1 degrees.
Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 65.9 degrees.
Maximum temperature during 24 hours 90.5 degrees (4.2 above normal)
Minimum temperature during 24 hours 67.8 degrees (0.4 below normal)
Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 63 per cent.
Direction of wind at 8 a.m. ENE
Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 4 miles per hour.
Total movement of wind in 24 hours 122 miles.
Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 18 miles per hour.
Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 0

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING

DATED 19-12-41.
At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 78.8 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.09 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.90 inches.
For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrumental above mean sea level.

HIGH COURT VACATION.

The High Court closed yesterday for the Christmas Vacation. It will re-open on Monday, 5th January 1942.

Berar Mill Workers Down Tools

AMRAOTI, Dec. 19.
The workers of Berar cotton mills at Badnera, District Amraoti, went on strike in accordance with a decision of the council of action as the Provincial Government's advice on the Jayaratnam Enquiry Committee regarding dearness allowance and wage increase was only partially accepted by the millowner.—A. P.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES.

T T NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York: December 19.

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	4.03 3/4

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK
London: December 19.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

LONDON BULLION.

LONDON GOLD
London: December 19.
London Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0
LONDON SILVER
London: December 19.
Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d nil
Forward (23 9/16d) 23 9/16d nil
CROSS RATES
London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay not quoted.
New York on Miland not quoted.
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36
London on Shanghai (0-2 27/32 to 0-3 3/16) 0-2 27/32 to 0-3 3/16
London on Kobe not quoted.
DISCOUNTS
3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
5 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.
BULLION AND SEEDS
Bombay: December 19.
There was no trading in the night session of the Bullion and Seeds Markets.

Position Of Scheduled Banks

Statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on 12th December 1941:—

1. Demand Liabilities:	
(a) In India	218,24,87,000
(b) In Burma	13,49,54,000
2. Time Liabilities:	
(a) In India	108,68,30,000
(b) In Burma	4,46,14,000
3. Cash:	
i) Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes.	
(a) In India	8,42,75,000
(b) In Burma	83,000
ii) Burma Notes:	
(a) In India	28,000
(b) In Burma	84,03,000
iii) Rupee Coin:	
(a) In India	1,04,68,000
(b) In Burma	1,45,000
iv) Subsidiary Coin:	
(a) In India	42,20,000
(b) In Burma	48,000
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	36,53,46,000
5. Advances:	
(a) In India	112,68,67,000
(b) In Burma	3,34,00,000
6. Bills Discounted:	
(a) In India	5,77,22,000
(b) In Burma	11,70,000

Comparative statement of the position of scheduled banks:—
(In thousand Rupees)

	12-12-1941	5-12-1941	13-12-1940	1-9-1939
1. Demand Liabilities in India	231,74,41	232,41,60	175,41,19	141,39,78
& Burma	13,49,54	13,69,20	8,71,32	7,03,29
2. Time liabilities in India	113,14,44	112,25,36	100,76,27	106,46,46
& Burma	4,46,14	4,47,96	3,61,82	4,22,12
3. Total cash in India	10,76,71	10,48,92	8,95,36	7,29,82
& Burma	86,80	72,70	48,95	59,37
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	36,53,46	39,22,59	48,29,48	25,27,75
5 Advances in India	116,02,67	110,91,41	99,42,09	105,65,08
& Burma	3,34,00	3,31,87	3,13,39	4,12,92
6. Bills discounted in India	5,88,92	5,28,37	2,09,68	3,86,74
& Burma	11,70	10,68	11,22	29,45

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Calcutta: December 19.
Although the volume of transactions was of a limited character, prices kept remarkably steady at about or above the minimum prices fixed up by the Committee:—
Following are the closing prices:—
Government Securities: 3 per cent Govt. Paper 79/6 s lot, 3 1/2 per cent Govt Paper 92/10 st, 4 per cent Loan 1960/70 107/14, 4 1/2 per cent Loan 1955/60 112/14, 5 per cent Loan 1945/55 108 s lot.
Bank: Reserve Bank 101.
Railways: Champarmukh Silghat Rly. 89/8; Futwah Islampur Rly 89/8.
Cottons: Basanti ordy 5/4, Pref 6/13, Benares Cotton 5/1, Dunbar 244, Mohini Mills 15/6, New Victoria ordy 5/10, Pref 8/6.
Coals: Burrakur 13, Central Kurkend 15, Deoli 9/4. Equitable 35/8, New Beerbhoom 17/4, Singaran (A) 1/10, Singaran (B) 1/14 ct, Samla 2/8, Talcher 1/15, Union 35 ct.
Jutes: Anglo-India 344, Pref 178/8 st, Agarpara 37, Alliance 302, Pref 137, Albion 203, Bally 233, Barnagore 96, Budge-Budge 367, Cheviot 193, Clive 23, Dalhousie 348, Delta 434, Empire 28, Ft. Gloster 539, Ganges 300, Gourepore 691, Howrah 53/3, Hukumchand 12/12 s lot, Kamarhatty 491, Kankarrah 398, Kelvin 492, Kinnison 700, Lansdowne 145 Lothian 245 Meghna 59, National 23/10, Naskarpara 17/12, Nellimarla 12/4, Northbrook 44 c-div c rights, Nuddea 61, Presidency 5/6, Rameshwara 9/4, Reliance 55, Soorah Pref 141.—A. P.

SHIPPING NEWS.

IMPORTS
Bombay: December 19.
336 bales old newspapers, 56 bls tissue paper, 1057 cts newsprint paper, 52 bls wrapping paper, 33 bdls newsboard, 3240 bags ground clay, 154 cases cardamoms, 400 cases D'cocoanuts, 1401 coils coiled wire rods, 113 H/chests tea, 41 bdls toilet soap, 48 bags rubber sheet cuttings, 30 bags rubber scraps 406 bags manganese ore powdered, 40 pkgs buffalo hides, 212 c/s quinine, 3906 cases beer 2270 cases cigarettes, 1139 tons palm oil in bulk, 970 bags paraffin wax, 316 bags betelnuts, 166 bdls galvd wire, 9538 bags white sugar, 3514 bags superior head sugar, 4991 pcs Douglas Fir Lumber.

EXPORTS
Bombay: December 19.
100 bls cotton waste clean L O Vora; 44 bls cotton pcegoods Killick Nixon and Co; 11 bls cotton pcegoods R Shantilal and Co; 145 bales cotton pcegoods F F Campbell Co Ltd; 60 bls cotton pcegoods K H Hillel; 70 bls cotton pcegoods G N Musry, 432 bales cotton pcegoods A El Ejel; 529 bls cotton grey yarn A El Ejel; 339 bls cotton pcegoods Zdki Saidie; 31 bales cotton pcegoods A Shammah; 22 bls cotton grey yarn A Shammah; 30 bls cotton pcegoods Tulsidas Khimji; 60 bales cotton grey yarn Dev and Co.

Party To Aney

The Hon'ble Mr M S Aney was entertained to a garden party at the Willingdon Sports Club by Mr N M Dumasia yesterday.
Mr. Dumasia in welcoming the guest paid tributes to his qualities of courage and partriotism. He wished Mr. Aney every success in his undertaking.
Mr. Aney in reply thanked the host and said that he would strive to establish harmony and equal status between England and India. But for this purpose, a certain catholicity was absolutely essential.
A distinguished gathering including Mr. Knight, Advisor to the Governor, Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, Mr. Stimson and others was present.

HIGH COURT VACATION.

The High Court closed yesterday for the Christmas Vacation. It will re-open on Monday, 5th January 1942.

A.E.S. HIGH SCHOOL'S INVITATION:

The Aryan Education Society's High School near Two Temples, Girgaum, Bombay, invites past students, donors and sympathisers to attend the annual prize distribution to be held at 8 a.m. on Sunday, the 21st inst. under the presidentship of Seth Govindranji Sekhsaria. The Rt. Hon. M. R. Jayakar, one of the founders of the institution and Dr. K. S. Mhaskar, Chairman of the Society's Council, will make introductory speeches.

COMFORTS FOR INDIAN TROOPS.

Lady Lumley has been given a most generous donation of 10,000 from Mrs. A. Latifi for extra medical comforts for Indian troops.

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS:

The Jt. Hon. Secretary writes:—All members and recruits are required to be present in mufti at the Congress House to-morrow (Sunday) at 7 a.m. to attend the parade and at 9-30 a.m. in full uniform at Brabourne Stadium to picket the communal Swayamsevaks.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, December 19

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 2 months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Three months.
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Four months.
B C RATES:—
T T 1/6 15/16; D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32; D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32; D D 1/6 5/32
NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4; D D Rs. 332 3/4.
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2; D D Rs. 327 1/2
Cross Rates Dol. 4.02 1/2; 3 1/2.
MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2; D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 1/4; D D Rs 294 3/4
Cross Rates Dol. 4.43/47.
JAVA:—
Banks selling T T Gld 55 3/4; D D Gld 56
Banks buying T T Gld 57½; D D Gld 58.
Cross Rates Gld 7.58/62.
BERNE:—
Banks selling T T 125 1/2; D D nil.
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil.
Cross Rates Fcs 17.30/40
STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128
Cross Rates K 16.25/95.
SINGAPORE:—
Banks selling T T Rs 158; D D Rs. 158
Banks buying T T Rs. 155; D D Rs. 154 1/2
Cross Rates Sh. 2/4 5/32 7/32
HONGKONG:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 85 1/4; D D Rs. 84 1/4
Banks buying T T Rs. 81 1/2; D D Rs. 81
Cross Rates Sh. 1/3 1/32
SHANGHAI:—
Banks selling T T not quoting; D D not quoting.
Banks buying T T not quoting; D D not quoting.
Cross Rates Sh. 0-3 3/16
MEXICO:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27, D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04; D D Rs 62.04
Cross Rates Pes. 19.5 21.5
LISBON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom; D D Esc 7.35 nom
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55
Cross Rates Esc 99.80 100 20
NEW YORK:—
Cross Rate Dol 4.03 3/4
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady
Gold £8/8/0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready; 23 1/2 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call 1/2 per cent.
1 to 2 months 1/2 per cent.
3 to 6 months 3/4 per cent.
9 months 1 per cent.
Tone:—Better demand.

PEPPER AND GINGER

Bombay, December 19

Alleppey Pepper ready per candy	102	0	0
Maha Sud 15	98	8	0
Chaitra Sud 15	101	8	0
Ginger ready	35	0	0
Maha Sud 15	26	12	0
Chaitra Sud 15	27	0	0

Ahmedabad Share Market To Re-open

(From Our Correspondent)
AHMEDABAD, Dec. 19.
The Ahmedabad Share Market will be open from to-morrow and forward business will be transacted for six months on prices fixed by the Directors. The Board of Directors meeting will be held soon when the decision to open the market will be taken. The President of the Share Market arrived here this morning from Bombay after consulting with the Government

Are your NERVES on edge?

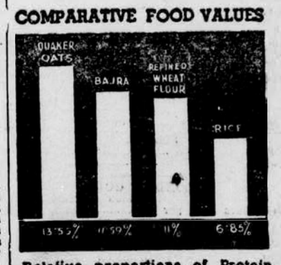
Do you feel that mental depression, irritability, and jumpy nerves are making your life miserable?

Start taking 'Phyllosan' tablets today! You will be astonished at the difference they will make. Your nerves will become steadier, your depression will vanish, and you will feel glad to be alive.

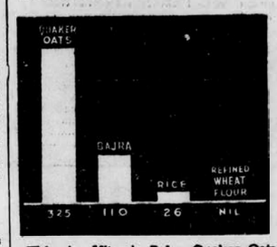
The claims made for 'Phyllosan' tablets are based upon clinical tests. And the dose is so simple. Just two tiny tablets three times a day before meals. But if you take the tablets *regularly*, the results will astonish you!

DIETETIC RESEARCH REVEALS
THAT PERFECT HEALTH IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT THIAMIN (VITAMIN B1)

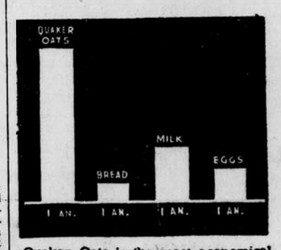
COMPARATIVE FOOD VALUES



Relative proportions of Protein content. Quaker Oats has twice the value of rice.



Thiamin—Vitamin B-1. Quaker Oats far outvalues the other foods in this vital essential.



Quaker Oats is the most economical source of Thiamin. Thiamin cannot be stored in the system, it must be replenished daily.

The Government of India Health Bulletin, says: "A diet largely composed of milled rice contains insufficient Vitamin B-1 and may give rise to Beriberi, which occurs in certain parts of India." Medical authorities agree that nervousness, loss of appetite, poor intestinal tone and loss of weight are also due to a deficiency of Thiamin in our daily diet.

Quaker Oats is triple-rich in Thiamin. Thus for proper health—and as a precaution against beriberi—you should make Quaker Oats a part of your daily diet. Quaker Oats is rich in many other essentials, too. It builds strong, sinewy muscles, makes rich, red blood, supplies food energy for stamina and strength.

Yet for all its benefits, Quaker Oats is truly delicious. It is a pure vegetarian food you should eat every day. Buy a tin of Quaker Oats; start on the road to better health.

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KHAZANCHI

— MUSIC'S PEAK OF MELODY!

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Krishna

38TH WEEK

DAILY 4. 7. 10 P. M. ● SAT., SUN. MATINEE AT 1 P. M.

THE CAPITOL Daily at 4, 6-30 & 10 p.m.

TO-DAY SUNDAY MONDAY	M-G-M'S "ESCAPE"	NORMA SHEARER ROBT. TAYLOR
TUES. WEDNES. THURS.	"BARRETTS OF WIMPOLE STREET"	NORMA SHEARER, FREDRIC MARCH, CHARLES LAUGHTON
SUNDAY 10-30 A.M.	"PYGMALION"	LESLIE HOWARD WENDY HILLER

On The Air

SATURDAY, DEC. 20.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian Troops in the Far-East. 5 Layaq Ali Khan. 5-15 Iqbal Bano. 5-30 Radha Rani. 5-45 J. C. Roy: Sitar. 6-15 M. Siddiq: Geet. 6-30 Raftar-e-Zamana: Weekly review of current events in Hindustani. 6-45 For Villagers only. 7-45 It has happened or Sarangi. 7-50 Abdul Ghani. 8 Opera. 5: Talk on the English School of Opera. 8-30 Berlin ki Khabren: Talk in Hindustani. 8-50 Radha Rani. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 Iqbal Bano: Recitation. 9-50 Pahari on Violin. 9-55 Listening Post relayed from B B C. 10 Namakdan: Variety in Hindustani.

Bombay I & II Programmes

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Delhi 2. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-25 to 8-50 As in Delhi 2. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Calling all Women: Talk in English. 9-20 to 9-50 As in Delhi 2. 9-50 Talk on A.R.P. 12 noon to 12-57 p.m. As in Delhi 2. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 to 1-30 As in Delhi 2. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 to 2 As in Delhi 2.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
51.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

From 7-30 p.m. Bombay 2 will operate on 89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

5 To-morrow. 5-5 Variety. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Vocal music. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Instrumental music. 6-20 Local news and announcements in English. 6-25 Same in Hindustani. 7 Analysis of German Propaganda relayed from B B C. 7-15 Raftar-e-Zamana relayed from Delhi. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Indian music. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Berlin ki Khabren relayed from Lahore. 8-45 Our Universities: "Sure Mr. Shaw" Play. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening Post. 10 to 10-45 As in Delhi 2.

Talk Of The Suburbs

(By A SUBURBAN MAN).

A meeting of the Kurla Municipal Board was held on Thursday night when five items left out on the agenda of the previous meeting were discussed. Mr. V. C. Kale the Vice-President, was in the chair.

On reading the minutes of the previous meetings, Mr. C. Walton moved an adjournment of the meeting for ten minutes as a protest to what he alleged, were "the President's dilatory tactics in withholding resolutions of the General Board" and the "attempt to create a deadlock in Municipal administration by arbitrary and high-handed policy." The motion was carried by 10 votes to 4.

After disposing of the remaining items, Mr. Walton again moved an adjournment of the meeting to January 7, at 9-30 p.m., this time as a protest against the absence of the Chief Officer of the Municipality at the meeting. This motion was carried by 10 votes to 2.

Government House News

BOMBAY: Friday.

The Governor of Bombay visited the Bombay Port Trust Estate.

PROTEST AGAINST SATYAVATI DEVI'S ARREST: Under the auspices of the Congress Socialist Party, the Bombay Students' Union and the Gumasta Mandal, a public meeting will be held to-day (Saturday), at 5 p.m. (S.T.) at Chowpatty to protest against the conviction of Shrimati Satyavati Devi of Delhi. Mr. Ashok Mehta will preside. Among the speakers will be Messrs. G. P. Hutheesingh, H. Z. Gilani and G. G. Mehta. Loudspeaker arrangements will be made.

BOMBAY & SUBURBS

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

Hindu: Paush Sud 2, 1998
Muslim: Jilkad 30, 1360
Parsi: Tir 17, 1311.
Sunrise: 7h. 7m.; Sunset: 6h. 6m.
Hightide: 1-12; 13-09
Lowtide: 7-20; 19-08.

MURCHHANA VICHAR: "Murchhana Vichar" to-day (Sunday) at 10-30 a.m. in the Kalabhavan Hall at the Vahidina Mansion, Poibavdi, Parel.

B.P. ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCN.: Mr. Shirke will speak on "Pollination in Plants" in the Royal Institute of Science (Ground floor), to-day (Saturday) at 4 p.m.

MODERN SCHOOL STUDENTS' SPORTS: The annual sports will be held on the Wilson College Gymkhana Ground, to-day (Saturday) at 4 p.m. (S.T.) Principal M. T. Vyas will preside.

MUSICAL ART SOCIETY: Under the auspices of the Musical Art Society a variety entertainment will be given at Wagle Hall, Kandewadi, to-day (Saturday) at 9-30 p.m.

HIRABAI BARODEKAR'S CONCERT: Mrs. Hirabai Barodekar will entertain members of the Indian Music Circle at a concert of music at Ramnarain Ruia College Hall, Matunga, to-day (Saturday) at 9-30 p.m.

INDIAN MUSIC CIRCLE: The monthly concert will be held at Laxmibaug, New Bhatwadi, Sandhurst Road, Bombay, to-day (Saturday) at 9-30 p.m. (S.T.) when Kumari Vimal Patki will entertain the members with vocal music.

MATUNGA GUJARATI SEVA MANDAL: A six-monthly meeting of the members of the above Mandal will be held to-day (Saturday) at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Shamji Ladha Bldg., Bhandarker Road, Mandal's office to adopt the six-monthly report.

KANNADA SAHITYA STUDY CIRCLE, MATUNGA: Celebration of the Circle's anniversary will come off to-day (Saturday) at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Arya Samaj Hall Matunga, G.I.P., Mr. R. A. Jahagirdar will preside.

A.R.P. LECTURETTE EXAM.: The A.R.P. examination of the A.R.P. Instructors' Class, conducted by Mr. D. S. Bharucha, will be held to-day (Saturday) in the lecture hall of Seth G S. College, in the K.E. M. Hospital, Parel.

BOM. MATHEMATICAL COLLOQUIUM: A symposium will be held to-day (Saturday) at the Royal Institute of Science at 4-30 p.m. when topics of Mathematical interest will be discussed.

BOHRA YOUTH LEAGUE: A public lecture will be given by Mr. Abu Jasdanwala on "What future holds for us" to-day (Saturday) at 9-30 p.m. (S.T.) in the League premises in Abdul Rehman St.

BAND AT VICTORIA GARDENS: Under the directorship of Mr. M. A. Divecha, the Alibless Orchestra Jazz Band will play a programme of music at the Victoria Gardens, to-day (Saturday) commencing from 5-45 to 7-45 p.m. (S.T.)

SECOND TEACHERS' ASSOCN.: Principal A. R. Dawood will deliver a lecture on "Teaching of English Poetry in Secondary Schools" to-day (Saturday) at 4 p.m. in C. L. Boys' High School, Dadar. Principal R. P. Bakshi will preside.

JAM'IYATUL MUSLIMEEN, DISTT. RATNAGIRI: The annual general meeting of the Jam'iyatul Muslimeen (Distt. Ratnagiri), will be held to-day (Saturday) at 9 p.m. (S.T.) at the Madrasa-L-Madinatul Uloom, opp. the tombs in Gowli Moholla, Memonwada Rd., Bombay 3.

ARTIST PASSES AWAY: Death occurred of Mr. Vaman Rao Shankar Rao Pandit, of Rajkot, on Thursday morning in Bombay, at the residence of his brother-in-law, Dr. R. Row. The late Mr. Pandit was a well-known artist and studied under the famous painter Sergant in London.

PAGNIS' PERFORMANCE: Mr. Vishnupant Pagnis will give his Bhajan performance in aid of the Topiwala Agriculture School, Rajapur, to-day (Saturday) at 8-30 p.m. in the R. M. Bhatt High School Hall, Parel, when Mr. M. D. Bhat, Municipal Commissioner, will preside.

MARATHA HIGH SCHOOL: On the occasion of the annual social gathering the students of the Maratha High School will stage the drama "Satyache Gulam" by Mr. B. V. Varerkar, at the Sunderbai Hall, Queen's Road, to-day (Saturday) between 3-30 and 8 p.m. when its celebrated author will preside.

PUBLIC SYMPOSIUM: Under the joint auspices of the Bombay Students' Brotherhood and Youths' Parliament, a public symposium will be held. "What I want my India to Become" will be the subject of the Symposium in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, to-day (Saturday) at 6-15 p.m.

ANNIVERSARY OF KALISHANKAR: Floral tributes to the memory of the late Pt. Kalishanker Bajpai were paid on the occasion of his 11th death anniversary, which was observed on Thursday evening at Worli in the hall premises of Sri Satyanarayan Mandir, Pt. Brahmanand Tripathi presiding.

CONDOLENCE MEETING: A public meeting will be held at Bullion Exchange Hall, Sheikh Memon St., to-day (Saturday) at 6-15 p.m. to mourn the sad demise of Seth Amratlal Raichand Zaveri, a leading jeweller and a Jain leader.

Seth Virchand Meghji Thobhan of Messrs. Gill and Co. will take the chair.

S.I.E.S. SCHOOL SPORTS: The annual sports and prize distribution of the school will come off at the Indian Gymkhana grounds, Brahmanwada Rd., Matunga (G. I.P.) to-day (Saturday) at 3 p.m. (S.T.) Mr. R. S. Mani, I.C.S., Deputy Secretary to Government Education Department, Bombay, will preside and give away the prizes.

OPEN TABLE TENNIS TOURNEY: The finals of the open Table Tennis Tournament and prize distribution of indoor games tournament will be held to-day (Saturday) at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the S. Indian Association premises, Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim Orphanage Building Annexe, Telang Road Matunga, Bombay, when Sri Thandaveswara will preside and distribute the prizes.

RELIGIOUS DISCOURSES: The following religious discourses will be held by Swami Sambuddhanandaji of Ramakrishna Mission, Khar Road:—To-day (Saturday) at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Batliboi's Accountancy Institute, Prescott Road, Fort, in English on Vedanta Philosophy (Brahma Sutra).

To-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m. (S.T.) at Mission Library Hall, Khar Road in English on Bhagawat Geeta and at 5-30 p.m. (S. T.) at Mission Library Hall, Khar Rd., in Hindi on "Teachings of Bhagawan Sree Ramakrishna Paramahamsa."

BOM. SPIRITUAL CENTRE: The following two public lectures under the auspices of the above will be held to-day (Saturday) and to-morrow (Sunday) in the premises of the Centre No. 16, Harvey Rd., Gamdevi, when all (including ladies) are cordially invited to attend. The programme is as under:—To-day (Saturday) Mrs. Shirin Fozdar on "The Way to Peace" at 5 p.m. and to-morrow (Sunday) Prof. Pratapagiri Ramamurti on "Future of Religion" at 4 p.m.

MARATHI GRANTHA SANGRAHALAYA: The fourth annual gathering of the members of the Bombay Marathi Grantha Sangrahalaya and its Dadar Branch will be held to-day (Saturday) in the Brahman Sabha Hall at 6 p.m. when Mr. P. M. Lad, I.C.S., will address the gathering on "Public Criticism." The Rt. Hon. M. R. Jayakar will also be present on the occasion. Panditrao Nagarkar will entertain the members will vocal music and Miss Saroj Bhandarkar and Master Ashok Bhandarkar with their dances.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

BROADWAY—"The Court Dancer" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee at 1-30 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Escape" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Moon Over Miami" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Mata Hari" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—Uday Shankar. To-day at 5-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Our Wife" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
SUPER—"Circus Queen" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
PATHE—"Nai Roshni" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 12-30 p.m.
ROXY—"Anjan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
WEST END—"Sangam" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
MINERVA—"Sikandar" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-15 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Khazanchi" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Gharki Laj" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Dhandora" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Sant Sakhu" Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
EDWARD—"South of Pago Pago" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Swami" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee at 1 p.m.
PALACE—"That Night In Rio" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Sajjan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee at 1-30 p.m.
CHITRA—"Adhikar" Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee at 1-15 p.m.
HINDMATA—"Bandhan" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee 2 p.m.
APOLLO—"Terry and the Pirates" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee at 2 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Tulsi" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee at 1 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Payachi Dasi" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee at 1-30 p.m.

'A' WARD CONG. COMMITTEE: Under the auspices of 'A' Ward District Cong. Committee a public meeting will be held to-day (Saturday) at 8 p.m. (S.T.) at Rajavdekar St., near Maruti Temple, Colaba, when Sjt. S. K. Patil will address the meeting on the present political situation.

KEYS FOUND: A bunch of keys has been found near the Bombay Central Station. The owner may take delivery of the same on proper identification from the Secretary to the Editor, "Bombay Chronicle," between 2 and 6 p.m. on any week-day.

B.E.S.T. CO. LTD. MONTHLY EARNINGS: Electric supply (exclusive of supply to tramways) for Nov. 1941 Rs. 8,51,871; up to the end of Nov. 1941 Rs. 87,35,968.

Traction (trams and omnibuses) for Nov. 1941 Rs. 8,96,865; up to the end of Nov. 1941 Rs. 87,30,609.

Increase over same period last year Rs. 15,88,596.

A.R.P. COMMITTEE, MATUNGA: Under the auspices of the A.R.P. Committee, Matunga, Bombay 19, the Ambulance Study Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association will give a complete course of lectures on "First-Aid to the Injured" commencing from to-day (Saturday) in the lecture hall of Ramnarain Ruia College at 9 p.m. The lectures will be held on Saturdays and Wednesdays at the same place and time, till the course is completed.

AZAD'S MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the President of the Indian National Congress has sent the following message to the 6th Bombay Presidency Students' Conference to be held at Ahmedabad from 19th to 22nd Dec. 1941:—

"The world is passing through the most dreadful period of its history. Naturally our country too is face to face with the most trying situation? I hope all of us will try to prove ourselves worthy of this trial."

Azad And Jawahar To Leave To-day

The Congress President, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and party will leave for Bardoli to-day (Saturday) morning by the Kathiawar Express which leaves the Bombay Central Station at 7-50 a.m. (S.T.)

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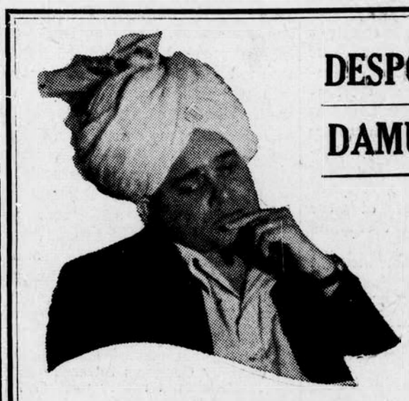

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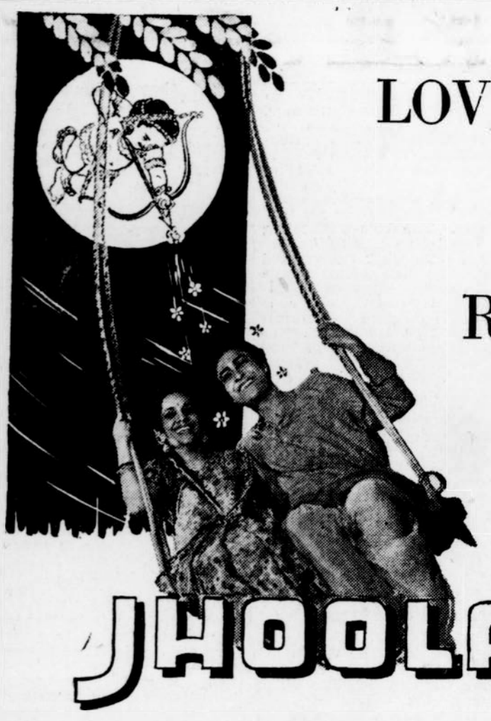

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THE REAL ISSUE

The mammoth crowds that gathered on the Chowpatty sands on Thursday and Friday to listen to Pandit Jawaharlal and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad are not only personal tributes to these great leaders but are also indicative of the people's unabated loyalty to the Congress. Indeed, the people's loyalty is growing with the unceasing struggle of the Congress for the country's freedom. Even a paper like the "Evening Standard" of the Beaverbrook group warns Government that it is a "ludicrous illusion' touted in some quarters that the influence of the Congress Party is rapidly becoming negligible". The two leaders' speeches were worthy of the people's confidence in them and also of the occasion. They hearten the people in their struggle and show how a terrible catastrophe can be averted. And they both agree that it is for Government to take the next effective step.

Co-operators As Free Men

Referring to the Congress President's previous pronouncement on the present situation, the "Evening Standard" commends his view that "the Congress might change its policy if there were signs of change in other quarters" and says with evident relief: "Here surely is a glimpse of hope." In his Chowpatty speech the President regretted there was not yet the least sign of change on the part of Government and that, therefore, Congress could not change its policy. Attempts are sought to be made, by those who have no desire to satisfy the country's demand for freedom, to misread the position of the Congress. The Congress President has lost no time in making the Congress position crystal clear as he had done on the eve of his arrest. In his speech at Chowpatty he declared unequivocally that the issue, so far as Congress was concerned, was not one of violence or non-violence but of freedom, that Congress position was determined not by violence or non-violence but by the attitude of the British Government. The Congress today, as ever before, is prepared for an honourable settlement on the issue of participation in the war. The road to a settlement has been barred by the British Government who have maintained an unbending attitude of refusal to part with power. Let them change that attitude and give immediate proof of their desire to part with power and there will be settlement with them as inevitably as night follows day. Pandit Jawaharlal, too, has expressed a similar view that Congress can participate in war effort only if Britain is prepared for "transfer of real power" to India. Amidst thundering cheers he declared at Chowpatty that "Indians were prepared to join hands with Britain as free men, not as slaves" It is for Britain to accept the offer or reject it and take the consequences.

Warning For Britain

It is amazing that, to all appearances, Government are utterly indifferent towards enlisting Congress support. They almost seem to think that they have exhausted their statesmanship by releasing a number of Congress prisoners, forgetting that Congressmen have been more anxious to go to jail than to come out of it. In his speech at the Cowasji Jehangir Hall on Thursday—what a revealing contrast was this function with that at Chowpatty at about the same time, where at least a lakh of people had assembled from far and near!—Mr. M. S. Aney said: "If it can be shown that the Centre and the Provinces can be efficiently administered by Coalition Cabinets at the Centre and in the Provinces, during the period of a world war, all arguments against granting self-governing status to India on the ground of Hindu-Muslim differences and minority interests will gradually pale into insignificance and ultimately vanish." But where is the offer of a Cabinet at the Centre in any true sense of the term? Mr Aney is impatient for a definite decision by Congress towards the war. He should rather urge Government to take the right steps to elicit the desired decision. Even people far from India are now realising that Government are not doing their duty by India even in the hour of common danger. The "Evening Standard" bitterly observes: "It is no use supposing that the deadlock will be overcome by the reiteration of an appeal to India from the Viceroy to solve her own domestic difficulties. The British Government cannot wash its hands of the dispute in India." The last sentence is probably intended to convey a great deal more than is apparent. Deprecating the Viceroy's smug assurance that Government has left nothing undone to bring the parties together, an assurance mechanically endorsed by Mr. Amery in the Commons on Thursday, the "Manchester Guardian" says: "Is that true? Has the Government, for instance, invited leading Indians, Provincial Premiers and ex-Premiers and members of the Executive Council to confer as Indians to study India's needs and promote the idea of a Coalition Government at the Centre and in the Provinces? Why cannot such a conference be called?" Let the British people judge for themselves why Government have not yet called such a conference, though two Premiers have themselves suggested it several times. The "Daily Herald" is naturally most indignant and outspoken at Government's shilly-shallying in the face of a grave crisis. "It is intolerable," it says, "that the British Government should treat the Indian problem with limp and shoulder shrugging resignation which has marked its attitude in recent months." Ridiculing the common trick of saying to the people of India: "Settle your difference first and talk to us afterwards," the paper says that so long as Britain "claims to be India's guide and guardian," for her "to dodge her responsibilities while retaining her rule is pharisaic and contemptibly evasive". These are strong words, indeed, but not stronger than deserved. It will be good for Britain to realise in time that by heeding the warnings of her own far-sighted sons and making India free at once, she will be protecting her own freedom.

Revising The Atlantic Charter?

The co-ordination of the war effort of all the Allied Powers, which has been urged on all hands, is being steadily achieved. According to our London correspondent, military and political discussions have been going on in the capitals of the four main countries—Moscow, Washington, Chungking and London. The object of these discussions, it is stated, is firstly to co-ordinate allied policy and strategy and from the basis of joint military, naval and air offensive and defensive action against the Axis Powers; secondly, to establish unified political objectives both for the period during and after the war; and, thirdly, to clarify the supply position which is now complicated by the entry of Japan in the war. The most important of these discussions are being held in Moscow and Washington.

One can easily gauge the importance of such deliberations. The immediate result of these talks may be the setting up of a joint Allied War Council with all General Staff members which could move between Russia, Middle East, China or wherever military requirements made their presence necessary. Such an arrangement is eminently desirable to give the Allied offensive that coherence and force which alone will smash the Axis. The entry of Japan in the war has undoubtedly created problems for the supply of American lease-and-lend war material to the Allies in Middle and Far East and also a menace to the communications between Britain and Australia and New Zealand. All these questions demand joint deliberations and concerted action. But what intrigues us is the possibility of these discussions extending to "political objectives both for the period during and after the war." If such talks are being held then it is necessary that the world should know about them. For, it is as important to make political objectives widely known as to keep strategic moves a secret. We in India will be keenly awaiting the "political objectives" which emerge from these talks. Well they be just a re-statement of the Atlantic Charter with the possible addition of a few clauses to cover the case of China? But we cannot expect at least China and Russia to agree to any arrangement that is restricted to Europe only and leaves unsettled the vital question of India and other Imperialist possessions in Asia and Africa.

Frankly Speaking

Ominous Week-End

The tempo of the Japanese offensive has definitely slackened in the Philippines and Pacific if not in Malaya. The U.S., Navy and War Department communiques show that 'there is little change in the situation in the Philippine theatre of war, in the western Atlantic, easern Pacific and the central Pacific, but that one enemy transport and probably an enemy destroyer have been sunk." A Manila despatch says that the Government are in complete control of all provinces in the Philippines except small areas in northern Luzon. From Malaya, however, there is no such cheerful news. The British forces have had to continue "their gradual withdrawal and reorganisation southward from north-west Malaya", retiring to a position south of Sungei river. The province of Welleseley for the time being has been left to the Japanese and Penang is cut off entirely from contact with the mainland. The position of Penang is thus rendered most precarious and the armed forces have evacuated it. To make a direct assault, the Japanese have only to cross a few miles of water separating it from the mainland. The Japanese have suffered heavy losses no doubt but all the same they managed to make considerable headway. This threatens to be an ominous week-end for Malaya.

Check The Prices

Prices are rising fast and inordinately high, and it is time Government took steps to prevent a grave crisis. It is true that Government cannot suppress long the law of demand and supply but they can certainly check profiteering and ensure, through better transport facilities and otherwise, fair supplies of the necessaries of life. If they fail to do that their price control organisation will fall into utter discredit. Corruption may then set in and drive matters beyond control. Government must also remember that they are among the largest employers and that if they cannot check prices they will not be able to check the demand for higher dearness allowance.

Indo-Burma Agreement.

During the Hon. Mr. Aney's visit to Bombay, his attention was pointedly drawn to the Indo-Burma Immigration Agreement and the need of its radical revision. The Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce and the Indian Merchants' Chamber both threw out a suggestion to the effect that at the worst, the whole question should be postponed until the end of the war when it could be considered in a calmer atmosphere. Mr. Aney referred to this particular suggestion with some approval and stated that Government would carefully consider it. He also reiterated that the Government were in full sympathy with the majority of the objections raised against the Indo-Burma Immigration Agreement and would not deflect from the stand he had taken up in the Assembly to have radical alterations made in the Agreement. Mr. Tulzapurkar also made a reference to this question at the public reception given to Mr. Aney on Thursday evening and rightly emphasised that there should not be any sacrifice of principle or breach of the pledges given by the highest authorities in the revision of this Agreement, which should be altered in its fundamentals so that immigration restrictions are only placed on unskilled labour, while the right of free entry of Indians remains unfettered in the future as in the past. We trust the Overseas Member will realise the universality as well as the intensity of feeling on this question and will refuse to compromise on fundamental principles.

Beware

Government rightly ask the people to beware of getting into a panic in any circumstances, as panic can only make things worse. The Congress President in his speech at Chowpatty made a special appeal to all Congressmen and Congress organization to do everything possible to allay panic. Government will do well to remember their own well-meant advice in dealing with the people and popular institutions. The latest amendment to the Defence of India Rules gives powers to Central and Provincial Governments to supersede any local authority if it falls to comply or delays compliance, with their orders about precautionary measures against hostile attack. It may be necessary to arm Government with such wide powers to be used in grave emergencies. But Government should beware of being panicky and needlessly getting into conflict with local bodies. Such danger is real where Provincial Governments, not being popular, are not confident of their powers to persuade local bodies and are apt to rely in their coercive powers.

NECESSITY

Necessity is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves.

WILLIAM PITT, *SPEECHES*

AS I SEE IT

By D. F. KARAKA

It has seldom happened that some of the most grave decisions should hang in the balance in a week of Yuletide festivity. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that for the greater part of the world there will be no Christmas this year. Too much is at stake and we, the children of a decaying civilisation, are too scared to hang a Christmas stocking this year.

At home the eyes and ears of thinking people turn to the meetings of the Working Committee and the All-India Committee which will decide for the immediate future, the attitude of a great majority of our people. It is a grave charge that lies heavy on the leaders of the Congress, who must know that whatever they decide, Nationalist India must willy-nilly follow in their wake. United we have to stand whether the decision taken by the Congress is proved later to be right or wrong. Therefore, it becomes the duty of every one of the members of the two Committees to judge himself the issue as it stands to-day, shouldering by himself the responsibility of the vote he casts in the weeks that are to follow. Perhaps never more than to-day is it necessary for the Mahatma not only to give to his followers but to urge them to exercise the right of independence of decision, even to the extent of differing from him to-day. Without it there can never come to us that spirit of democracy which we are fighting for at home and which a good half of the world is fighting for abroad.

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On the attitude of the Mahatma will depend much of what is eventually decided. Committed as he is to the principle of non-violence, it has become incumbent upon him to allow no exceptions and he is driving his point to the crucial test of whether non-violence should stand for all time as the creed of this nation however extenuating may be the present circumstances. So that the Mahatma is prepared to make any sacrifice to assert the principle, which has been the very breath of his life. To that no one can possibly take any objection. But whether the rest of the people are ready for so great a sacrifice, which might involve our being unprepared for the sake of a principle, is a question which must be decided in a way different from that in which the Mahatma comes to his decisions. And that is the crux of the present situation viz., whether the principle of non-violence, which has not yet been perfected, should be put to a test for which it is not ready and whether with our individual limitations it is fair to the theory of non-violence to test it out in the midst of a world war.

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Therefore, it has been urged that while granting to the Mahatma and to conscientious objectors the right to preach non-violence, both the country and the Congress should have full liberty of deciding how far it should deviate from non-violence to meet the question of the hour, which is self-defence.

I have followed closely the speeches and statements made by Pandit Jawaharlal since his release. The one thing I find he repeatedly says or implies is that he wants time to adjust himself to world conditions and world thought and opinion. Then there is repeated reference to Gandhiji's leadership, which coming from Pundit Jawaharlal strikes one as a little precautionary, as if he were saying "I don't say I disagree from the Mahatma." He is clear on the issue of our independence, but the point he still leaves unclear is: "What will be his attitude if the Mahatma presses the issue of non-violence to a division?" Pundit Jawaharlal has not committed himself either way on this issue. He stresses the urgency of self-defence. But how far he is prepared to go to build up self-defence, should the Mahatma decree it conflicts with the theory of non-violence, Pundit Jawaharlal does not tell us. Therefore, we have to take it that he has yet to make that decision himself and that he envisages the possibility or perhaps wishes that the dilemma should not have to be faced. Perhaps it would be better if we did not press the issue earlier than necessary and allow things to take the natural course and let the policy of the Congress evolve itself from the A.I.C.C. meeting. It is more than exciting for a young Indian to watch how carefully and how gradually the more experienced among our leaders are approaching the decision and it will be a masterpiece of tact, honour and diplomacy when that policy is evolved.

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In the forming of this decision one should begin with three premises:

(1) Self-defence is essential for the continuance of our physical existence.
(2) The Mahatma's principles must be respected, at least to the extent of allowing those who practise and believe in non-violence to continue to practise and believe in them.
(3) Our national honour must never be tarnished.
(4) We must take a definite attitude towards the war, as different from the British Government.

Therefore, the war against Nazism must be supported, even if we have to support it under protest. If the British Government and the British people were to make it easier for us to do it without protest, it would be most welcome. But, judging from the official attitude hitherto taken, it seems likely that we will now have to think in terms of self-defence under protest, reserving for us the right to pursue civil disobedience the moment the war is over. A demand for the Mahatma's rights to complete freedom of preaching non-violence must be granted. And a full and formal appeal adequately drafted should be made to the people of Britain and presented by a group of representative Indians of all parties to the British Parliament and not to Whitehall and in this appeal we should offer to the PEOPLE of Britain our full moral and material co-operation in this war, expressing at the same time the urgency on their part of granting to us the freedom that is our birthright. Public opinion in Britain, even the less progressive and more conservative elements, such as "The Times" has expressed itself unequivocally in favour of a change towards India. Such an appeal will not be left unanswered by the PEOPLE of Britain. I do not think that the more reactionary elements in the British Government will persist in their attitude in the face of such an overt expression of British and Indian public opinion. And in view of the Mahatma's scruples on non-violence such an appeal should be headed by Pundit Jawaharlal in close co-operation with Mr. Jinnah. Such a move would meet with great approval in both countries and its appeal would be irresistible.

As I see it, something must be done soon.

Bengal Premier On Emergency Conditions

CALCUTTA, December 19.

Replying to a short-notice question by an Opposition member in the Bengal Legislative Council (Upper House), the Chief Minister said, that some amount of panic had been created among the population of Calcutta and that a large number of people were leaving the city daily leading to a great rush at Howrah and Sealdah stations. The railway authorities were doing all that could possibly be done in the circumstances to meet the situation and to provide facilities for people who were leaving or were about to leave. They were looking to their comforts and were co-operating with Government in allaying any panic that might arise. Some amount of inconvenience was bound to take place, but otherwise, steps were being taken to see that the people were not inconvenienced.

Rai Saheb J. B. Sen Asked by way of supplementary question, if the Chief Minister could state the approximate time when Calcutta would be declared an emergency area.

The Chief Minister: "I am afraid I am not permitted to make any statement on that.

Mr. Humayun Kabir asked if schools and colleges would remain open, when Calcutta was declared an emergency area.

"It is very difficult to say", the Chief Minister replied.

The Deputy President, Khan Saheb Abdul Hamid Chowdhury enquired if there was any chance of the different examinations of the University being postponed.

Replying, the Chief Minister pointed out that was a matter for the University to decide. He did not however, think that the University had yet considered that question.

Exodus From Calcutta

CALCUTTA, December 19.

The exodus of the people from Calcutta and its suburbs which commenced on Sunday last continue increasing the members. Two special trains ran yesterday, and one this afternoon from Howrah Station. Besides, duplicate trains are being run. The rush at Sealdah Station is also very heavy. The people who fail to find accommodation in the trains are taking recourse to road traffic.

The Grand Trunk Road has become the scene of attraction since yesterday. Motorcars, buses lorries carrying men, women and children and goods are running through the Grand Trunk Road during day time.—United Press.

Emergency Powers For University

CALCUTTA, December 19.

The Syndicate of the Calcutta University have under consideration a proposal for a modification in the University regulations to give them emergency powers to deal with all questions which are likely to arise in the present war situation concerning the admission to examinations and other allied matters.

The necessary formalities for getting the new regulations passed may take some time, says a press note, but the Vice-Chancellor and Syndicate will be prepared to take action in anticipation of Government sanction. Meanwhile all students of affiliated colleges who may be engaged in military duties or in Civil Defence or A.R.P., work or any other work connected with the war will be deemed to have attended all lectures and practical work which they may be actually prevented from attending by reason of their employed on such duties.—A. P.

Removal Of Rare Manuscripts

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19.

About 4,000 rare and valuable ancient manuscripts in the collection of the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal will shortly be removed from the present premises of the Society of Bengal in Park Street to somewhere outside Bengal for safe custody.

This decision was taken by the Council of the Society at recent meeting, as a precautionary measure against any air raid on the city, the possibility of which, according to the Council is not remote in view of the latest developments in the Far East.

Along with these costly treasures, the Society also propose to send a large number of books from its archives to the same station for safety. Special arrangements have been made for the transit of the valuables. The Society has in its proud possession about 40,000 manuscripts, mostly in Asiatic languages, collected during its existence for the last 158 years.—A.P.

Safety Of Schools And Colleges

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19.

Heads of the one hundred and eighty-seven educational institutions (161 schools and 26 colleges) in the city met at a conference, convened by the authorities of Calcutta University, this afternoon in order to discuss as to what steps they should take for the safety of their buildings and their students, during schools and college hours against any air raid on the city. The Vice-Chancellor, Sir M. Azizul Huq presided.

The Vice-Chancellor enumerated the problems which should be tackled in every educational institutions, in view of the war contingency. He stressed the necessity of taking such measures as might create confidence in the people, in the way of making adequate fire fighting and first aid arrangements in their buildings.

The Vice-Chancellor informed his audience that the University authorities had appointed Mr. Satish Chandra Ghosh, Inspector of colleges, and few others to devise those who were in charge of these institutions on the different aspects of these problems and to put them in touch with the authorities responsible for A. R. P. work in the city.—A.P.

"The Wider Issue"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—In your recent leading article under the caption "The Wider Issue," you say:

"There is no indication in the Viceroy's latest speech or in the recent statements of Mr. Amery that the British Government are themselves adequately alive to the threat to India by the outbreak of war in the Far East. For, if they were, they would have lost no time in setting up a truly National Government in the country which alone can effectively meet the menace."

It appears that just as the Viceroy continues to make reference to his August offer, the Congress papers keep on repeating and reiterating the demand for a National Government. Do you really think, Mr. Editor; that by these means there is the smallest chance of political progress of our country? The Indian National Congress claims to be a national organisation. That claim is challenged by the Muslim League and other minorities and they contend that the Congress, while calling itself national, is really a Hindu organisation. Instead of repeating and reiterating the demand for a National Government the Congress ought to take up the challenge and prove that it is really a national organisation by action which would convince every disinterested Indian that the Congress is really national. The Working Committee of the Congress is shortly meeting at Bardoli and it will be followed by a meeting of the All-India Congress Committee. Why not take this opportunity of facing the challenge, both of the Viceroy and the minorities, by framing a Constitution on truly national lines for a self-governing India? A Constitution so framed will clearly show whether Congress is a Hindu organisation or a national organisation, as it must show what status and position the Muslims and other minorities will occupy in a politically free India. It is no use shirking this responsibility by always talking of a Constituent Assembly. If there is any statesmanship and foresight amongst the present Congress leaders they would take up the challenge now and meet it effectively by framing a Constitution on truly national lines. Will they do it? Let us see.—Yours. etc.,

REALITIES.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

KARACHI, Dec. 18.

Social boycott of Mr. Fazlul Huq, Bengal Premier, Sir Sultan Ahmed and Begum Sha Nawaz, who have been expelled from the Muslim League, was suggested in a resolution adopted by the Council of the Sind Provincial Muslim League at a meeting held last evening.

The resolution urged upon the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League to organise a campaign of social boycott against them in order "to prevent a repetition of the same crime by others."

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Mr. Aney says that "in this war India cannot help throwing her lot with the Allies."

That is the whole trouble, Mr. Aney. India 'cannot help' throwing her lot! Why not let India choose to throw her lot?

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"The most effective method to bring about Hindu-Muslim unity," according to Mr. Aney, "is to talk least of it."

Why doesn't he tell it to the Viceroy who talks most about it?

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"The National Defence Council," said Mr. Aney, "is a miniature picture of United India."

So miniature, in fact, that the features of the original can hardly be recognised!

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The Commander-in-Chief says, "There is no serious danger of a large-scale attack on India."

The Government propagandists and the Anglo-Indian papers, however, think otherwise.

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"The enemy undoubtedly will try to do everything possible to play on our nerves by spreading false information and by other means. He will spread false information—as in the case of the report that Rangoon was bombed", said General Wavell and appealed to the Press to give all the assistance possible in preventing the spread of alarming rumours.

But what can the Press do if the news agency prefers to believe the Japanese Radio and wouldn't spend a few rupees on a trunk telephone call to Rangoon?

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Who can still say that the British Labour Party is indifferent to India?

It has actually decided to establish an Indian Committee "to keep close touch with the Labour members of the Government on the subject!"

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India is the skeleton in Britain's cupboard, says the London "Daily Herald."

But there is life still in the old bones.

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The Medical Conference has demanded "the complete *Indianisation* of the *Indian* Medical Service."

In any other country this would have been regarded as a joke. But not in India! Need we explain why?

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An "Akhand Bharat Conference" will be held in Delhi on February 1.

From the fact that Mr. Munshi will preside we presume that it is our old friend, Akhand Hindustan—in disguise!

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The Government of Bombay have decided to take drastic steps against profiteers.

And the profiteers have decided to take even more drastic steps against the consumers!

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A black dog mysteriously appeared on the ground at the Brabourne Stadium as the Hindu-Muslim match was in progress.

Surely an ill omen for the communal Pentangular!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(1) Mr. Aney is in Bombay on his way to Bardoli to attend the Congress Working Committee meeting.

(2) Reuter have retrenched their Rangoon correspondent as they can get all the news from the Tokyo Radio.

(3) The Japanese have started bombing Buddhist monasteries just to demonstrate their deeply religious nature.

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A doctor and a dentist shared the services of a typist, and both fell in love with her.

The dentist was called away on business, so he sent for the typist, and said, "I'm going to be away for ten days. You'll find a little present in your room."

She went in, and found ten apples.

BRITISH FORCES TAKE DERNA AERODROME

Enemy Withdrawal Continues In Libya

CAIRO, Dec. 19.

The Derna aerodrome is in British hands but the town itself is in enemy hands. The British are hotly pursuing the retreating enemy.

It is stated in London that Gen. Rommel may try to make some sort of a stand on the Derna-Mekli line.

A German Communique laconically remarks: "There was hard fighting on the Eastern front" and contains no reference to North Africa.

ROME:—An Italian Communique says that there is fierce fighting around Derna where "the enemy" with reinforcements from Egypt is increasing his pressure.

Enemy Retreat Continues

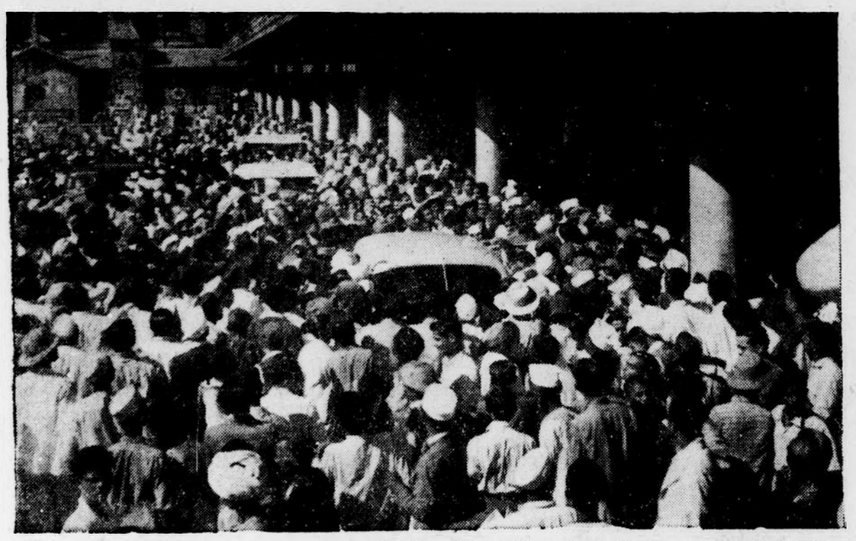
It is stated in authoritative quarters in London to-day that the enemy continues to withdraw towards Derna and west towards Mekli and in all directions west and north of Mekli. The enemy appears to have returned in two main bodies—one towards Derna and the other west towards Mekli. Enemy posts are still hanging on at Bardia and Halfaya. The British are gradually closing in on them and effecting the operation as economically in lives as possible.

Br. Take Derna Aerodrome

CAIRO:—Following is the text of the communique issued by the British G.H.Q., Middle East on Friday: "Our pursuit of the remaining enemy forces towards Derna and also round and beyond Mekli continued throughout yesterday. By nightfall the Derna airdrome was in our hands but enemy troops were still in occupation of Derna itself and also in the Mekli area. Our air forces were presented with excellent targets and yesterday the bomber effort was the heaviest since the operations began.

Repeated attacks were made on enemy columns on the roads leading into Derna and to the west of Mekli. In other areas great damage and disorganisation was caused not only by bombing but by persistent low-flying fighter attack.

Details are not yet available of the captures at and west of the main Gazala battlefield as all attention at the moment is being concentrated on maintaining relentless pressure upon the retreating enemy. In the Bardia and Halfaya areas enemy strong points still holding out are being subjected to heavy bombing and artillery fire."



Bombay accorded a rousing reception to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, President of the Indian National Congress, on his arrival in the city on Friday morning.

CONGRESS IS NOT DIVIDED

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British Government had not changed upto the moment. As long as that attitude persisted, as long as India was judged by that standard, no one with self-respect could change his attitude. He referred to the controversy regarding violence and non-violence which had been raised recently. That question was not the primary one. He thought that it was wrong to present the question in such a manner as to blur the main issues. It was perfectly clear that they could have nothing to do with the British Government except on the basis of freedom. They could not even think of changing their attitude as long as the British Government's attitude remained unchanged. As far as he was concerned, he did not see the slightest change in their attitude.

He had spent 15 months' in jail; but he could still hear the voice of the world. And now a sudden obstacle had been put in their way. It was like a man who was runnning being suddenly stopped by a crowd. But as they had perfect faith in the path they were treading, this small obstacle in their journey would not affect them.

He wanted to sound a note of warning. The Working Committee would not take any step which would create any differences among them or lead to any division in their ranks. If anybody was entertaining any such hope, they were bound to be grievously deceived. As long as the people had laid this responsibility of service on the shoulders of the Working Committee, the Committee would not allow any such situation to arise.

COMBAT PANIC

Turning to the war scare that prevailed in the country and particularly in Calcutta on account of the entry of Japan into the war, Maulana Azad deplored this spread of panic. He said that it was the duty of every Congressman and woman to conduct himself or herself in a courageous manner and to combat panic. It was true that India's enslavement by Britain during the last 150 years had emasculated the people. But they must show to the world that Indians could live and die like heroes. The world had reached a situation when no nation and no country could think of how to live. They were only thinking in terms of how to die with honour. The people of India also must learn to die with honour. It was the bounden duty of every Congress organisation to build up its strength and to spread the message of strength, self-possession and courage among the people of this country.

ROUSING RECEPTION TO CONGRESS PRESIDENT

BOMBAY, Friday.

A rousing reception was given to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President, when he arrived at Victoria Terminus, this morning by the Calcutta Mail (via Cheokki) which arrived an hour and a half late. The Congress President looked cheerful.

Standing on the foot-board of the train he graciously responded to the vociferous cheers of the crowd.

Long before the scheduled time of the arrival of the train, crowds had gathered at the station outside. They stayed for a considerable time, even after looking at the Electric indicator according to which the arrival of the train was at 12-30 p.m.

As the crowds swelled, wooden barricades were put up at the station and the crowds lined up on either side of the barricades, leaving the entrance to the platform clear. At about 10-30 a.m. some of the students and people attending offices, left the station, although they learnt by this time that the train would arrive at 10-40 a.m.

Half an hour earlier, than the actual arrival of the train, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru walked on the platform, lined up by volunteers.

CROWDS WAIT PATIENTLY

When the train came at 11 a.m. the crowds had thinned. But the enthusiasm and the continuous cheering did not show signs of abatement. The crowds milled, cheered, coiled themselves into compact knots, rushed at the volunteers' cordon which swayed to and fro. But when the crowds saw that the Maulana was in a rear bogey and that the cordon did not extend thereto, they took a sudden turn and made a dash towards the Congress President. Pandit Jawaharlal, then, came to the rescue, gave instructions to volunteers and pushed back the crowds. The happy meeting between the Maulana and Panditji, culminating in a warm embrace, was the occasion for snapping the volunteers' cordon. Whipped up by enthusiasm, the crowds literally gave a chase to the Congress President, as they rapidly filled up the notches round him left by the cordon, pulled back the platform gate and surged forward. As he went along, the Maulana was garlanded on behalf of the ward offices.

Outside the station, he gave another "darshan" to the crowds and drove with Mr. Dhirubhai Desai to the residence of Mr. Bhulabhai Desai.

Among those present at the station were Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai, President of the B.P.C.C. who garlanded the Maulana on behalf of that organisation, Messrs. B. G. Kher, S. K. Patil, S. A. Brelvi, Bhawanji Arjun Khimji, S. L. Silam, Salebhoy Abdul Kadir and Dr. Sathaye.

AZAD'S CALL TO KHAN

Attend Working Committee Meeting

PESHAWAR, December 18.

"Participate without fail", says Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, in a telegram to Dr. Khan Sahib, today, inviting the latter specially to attend the Bardoli meeting of the Congress Working Committee. Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, who was to have left tomorrow, will now proceed along with his brother on December 20th.—A. P.

KAMALADEVI SEES MAHATMA

BARDOLI, Dec. 19.

Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, Mr. J. C. Kumarappa and Mr. Satish Chandra Das Gupta arrived here this morning and are staying at the Ashram.

Mrs. Kamaladevi saw Mahatma Gandhi this morning.

Dr. Profulla Chandra Ghosh, member of the Congress Working Committee, is arriving here on the evening of December 22.

A party of delegates to the All-India Spinners' Association who are now here will visit Vedchi, a village 12 miles from Bardoli after the conclusion of the A. I. S. A. meeeting.

Vedchi is an important centre of Khadi and cottage industries in Gujarat.—United Press.

Soumyendranath Tagore Externed From Assam

GAUHATI, Dec. 19.

The Government of Assam have externed Mr. Soumyendranath Tagore from Assam under Section 26 of the Defence of India Act, and have directed him to quit the Province within forty-eight hours. —A. P.

Congressmen's Intimation Of Offering Satyagraha

BOMBAY, Friday.

A fresh batch of Congress Satyagrahis from Bombay composed of Mr. Jotiram Dondiram Sankpal and Mr. Revashanker Jani sent intimation to the Commissioner of Police to-day of their intention to offer Satyagraha in the city on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Jotiram intends shouting anti-war slogans near the office of the Byculla District Congress Committee at 5 p.m. and Mr. Revashanker proposes to offer Satyagraha at Masjid Bunder Road, Mandvi at 3-30 p.m. on Saturday.

With this batch the total number of Satyagrahis to participate in the campaign is ten.

Spain Stays Non-Belligerent

MADRID:— A statement on Spain's attitude towards the extension of the war, which is contained in a decree signed by Gen. Franco, was issued in to-day's *Boletin Oficial*.

It reads: "The present conflagration having been extended by the state of war existing between Japan and the United States and North America and participation in it of some of other European and Spanish American nations, Spain maintains as during the interior phase of the conflict her position of non-belligerence."

"Dunedin" Survivors

LONDON, Dec. 19.

It is announced that sixtyseven survivors of the sunk British cruiser "Dunedin"—four officers and 63 ratings—have been landed at a port not in the United Kingdom.

A total of 72 survivors was picked up but five subsequently died. "Dunedin" had a complement of about 400.—Reuter.

Nazi Ambassador Confers With Suner

MADRID, December 19.

The German Ambassador had a conference with the Spanish Foreign Minister Senor Suner, on Thursday.—Reuter.

Ahmedabad Invites A.I.C.C.

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 19.

The City Congress Committee has invited the A. I. C. C. to be held at Ahmedabad.—A. P.

Jawahar Meets Azad

BOMAY, Friday.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru called on Maulana Abul Kalam Azad at the residence of Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai this afternoon and had discussions for nearly two hours.

ANEY'S ADVICE TO CONGRESS

BOMAY, Friday.

Addressing a public meeting at Dadar to-night, the Hon. Mr. M. S. Aney said that he was working on the basis of collective responsibility. He and his colleagues had the courage of their conviction and they were definite that their view would prove to be the right one in the long run. Mr. Aney criticised the attitude of the Congress and said that unless that attitude was changed there was no possibility of a healthy future for India.

The meeting was presided over by the Hon Mr. M. R. Jayakar.

GOVT. TAKES OVER SUBHAS' PROPERTY

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18.

The Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate to-day directed that one-fourth of 38/2, Elgin Road standing in the name of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, shall be at the disposal of the Government under section 88(7) of the Criminal Procedure Code.—United Press.

Frontier Ban On Food Grains Export

LAHORE, Dec. 18.

The Frontier Government has placed an embargo on the export of wheat and maize from the Frontier in order to conserve the provinces food supply.—A. P.

Khaksars Arrested

LAHORE, Dec. 18.

Five Khaksars were arrested today by the police under the Defence of India Rules in front of the residence of Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab. They are reported to have squatted there in order to press their demand for the release of their letader, Inyatullah Mashriqi. —A. P.

STOP PRESS

IN COMMUNICATION WITH HONG KONG.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.

The Defence Department states that they are in communication with Hong Kong.—Reuter.

SITUATION IN HONG-KONG.

LONDON, Dec. 19.

A Colonial Office announcement in London to-night stated: "The report from Japanese sources that Hong-Kong has been in Japanese hands since this morning cannot be confirmed or denied, as no communication has been received from the colony since early this morning."—Reuter.

BURMESE PREMIER.

LONDON, Dec. 19.

The Prime Minister of Burma, U. Saw, has returned to America from Honolulu, it is learned officially in London to-day. It is understood that until arrangements for his return to Burma by another route are completed, he will stay at Miami (Florida).

BR. HOLD KEY POSITION

BERLIN, December 19.

The British still hold key positions in Hong Kong, according to a Tokyo despatch received in Berlin.

A Shanghai despatch to Berlin quotes a Japanese military spokesman as saying that the first stage of landing operations in the Philippines has been successfully concluded. The second stage he said, was in the course of preparation and news could be expected shortly.—Reuter.

U. S. PACT WITH MARTINIQUE

French Possessions In Carribean Not To Be Attacked

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.

It is learned authoritatively that the French authorities in Martinique have reached an agreement with the United States under which the neutral status of the French possessions and naval vessels stationed there will remain unchanged.

The United States is reported to have agreed to continue to permit trade with French possessions in the Carribean on condition that the French vessels and nationals there take no action detrimental to American interests. A dispatch from Port-de-France, the Cape Martinique, quotes the Commissioner for French Possessions in the Carribean as announcing that President Roosevelt has sent his personal assurance that French territories would not be attacked. —Reuter.

Roosevelt's X'mas Eve Broadcast

WASHINGTON, December 19.

President Roosevelt will broadcast to the nation his Christmas message to the people when he and Mrs. Roosevelt attend the ceremony of lighting a Christmas tree in the White House ground on Christmas eve. The broadcast will take place shortly after 10/00 p.m. (G.M.T.)

It is expected that 30,000 people will attend this ceremony in which lights on the tree will alternatively be red, white and blue. The President and his wife are going ahead with their plans to celebrate Christmas as usual. They will attend services at the Methodist Church, hold a reception for their office staff and have a family Christmas dinner.—Reuter.

WAR DEBATE IN SECRET SESSION

LONDON, Dec. 19.

The House of Commons held a secret session on Friday in order to discuss the war situation.—Reuter.

STUDENTS VARIETY AT SUNDARABAI HALL

Freedom, peace and progress—the ideals of the Cultural Group of the Bombay Students' Union—were reflected in the variety entertainment presented by it at the Sundarabai Hall, on Thursday evening. By resorting to art as a medium of expression the group has reaffirmed the truth that the quest for beauty is implicit in the concept of culture. The programme consisted of music, dance and dramatic pieces. Some of the items had a distinct touch of originality. "Artist's Soul" a dance-drama was noteworthy for its conception as well as efficiency of execution. "Students Arise" presented allegorically the ideals for which the student-world stands. "On the Progress Front"—"A Living News paper"—was a dramatic representative of some of the recent items of war-news.

THAILAND DECLARED ENEMY COUNTRY

NEW DELHI, December 19.

Thailand (Siam) is now under the Defence of India Rules 'enemy territory' and trading with that country will be trading with the enemy and punishable as such, states a Press communique.—A. P.

Darby & Joan Of Socialism

You are right. They are the Webbs, whose marriage sixty years ago, says Bernard Shaw, was an irresistible reinforcement.

Read all about them in the next Sunday Edition of

The Bombay Chronicle

which is full of good cheer for Christmas.

SUNDAY, DEC. 21

"Lahore" Launched

New Ship For Royal Indian Navy

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19.

Still another ship was added to the fast expanding Royal Indian Navy when the H.M.I.S. "Lahore" entered the water from a shipyard on an Indian river this afternoon.

The "Lahore" is a sister ship of the H.M.I.S. "Travancore" and the H.M.I.S. "Baroda" which were launched in the same vicinity not very long ago and like the latter, is designed and fitted for the dual purpose of mine-sweeping and submarine chasing.

The launching ceremony was performed by Lady Homi Mody, wife of Sir Homi Mody, Supply Member, Government of India, who christened the ship in the traditional fashion.

Proposing the toast of the Royal Indian Navy, Mr. Amritlal Ojha, ex-President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, described the past history of shipbuilding in India when many of the ships of the Royal Navy used to be built in Bombay and how it declined.

He went on to say that India possessed in abundance all the materials and facilities for a ship-building industry. If action had been taken on right lines, to-day India would have ranked among the great Naval Powers and would have been in a position to render material help and protect the interest of the Empire on this side of the world. However he hoped that the Royal Indian Navy would march steadily and rapidly from strength to strength (applause).

Replying on behalf of the Royal Indian Navy, Commander H. C. Beauchamp disclosed that since the declaration of war, the Royal Indian Navy had increased sevenfold.

In conclusion, Commander Beauchamp assured those present that officers and men of the Royal Indian Navy, who would man the "Lahore" would do their part on the road to victory as the builders had done theirs in producing her.

Proposing the toast of the firm, which had built the ship, Sir Homi Mody described how nothing was done until the war actually broke out with the result that in ship-building, as in many other industries, India had to write on a clean slate. That was really a disadvantage which democracies which pursued the paths of peace always suffered. He felt sure that the lessons learnt in the present war would not be lost on them. —A.P.

R. A. F. Hits On Nazi Warships

LONDON, Dec. 19.

It is officially stated that R.A.F. bombers resumed attack on warship at Brest on Thursday night.

Last night's R.A.F. raid on Brest was the third in thirty-six hours. Wednesday night's attack was followed by a heavy daylight offensive yesterday by a powerful force of "Stirlings, Hallfaxes" and "Manchesters" strongly escorted by fighters.

The German warship "Scharnhorst" and "Gneisenau" were believed to be both hit in the daylight raid.

Sovereignty Of Iran

British & Soviet Assurance Lead To Treaty

PESHAWAR, Dec. 19.

The Premier Mr. Ali Faroughi revealed in the Iranian Parliament that representatives of the British and Soviet Governments in Teheran had assured him that their Governments would respect the independence of Iran and would save her if any other nation troubled her. They further promised economic assistance to the country. After the war, these two Governments would consider the rights and claims of Iran in the peace treaty and would not agree to anything infringing Iran's territorial integrity and independence.

After full consideration, the Government, announced the Premier, had decided to accept the proposal of a treaty with these two Powers. The Prime Minister also made a reference to Iran's relations with her neighbours. Iraq and Afghanistan and said they were based on sincerity and goodwill.

Earlier in his speech Mr. Ali Faroughi explained the causes why British and Soviet forces entered into Iran and said that the geographical position of the country was such that it might have been used by their opponents to their detriment. Moreover it had the best lines of communication between the British and the Russians. He said co-operation with these Governments was necessary.—A.P.

FAZLUL HUQ IN FOR SOCIAL OSTRACISM?

KARACHI, Dec. 18.

Social boycott of Mr. Fazlul Huq, Bengal Premier, Sir Sultan Ahmed and Begum Sha Nawaz, who have been expelled from the Muslim League, was suggested in a resolution adopted by the Council of the Sind Provincial Muslim League at a meeting held last evening.

The resolution urged upon the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League to organise a campaign of social boyco't against them in order "to prevent a repetition of the same crime by others."

UDAY SHANKAR FOR ANOTHER WEEK

The extension of the Uday Shankar Season till Thursday next will be welcomed by the large numbers of dance lovers who have so far missed the show or wish to repeat their visits.

The popular "Labour and Machinery" ballet is retained in the change of programme to be introduced from to-day. Among other numbers are 'Natanam", a new solo by Lakshmi in "Bharat Natya" style besides some of the old favourites like "Shiva Tandava" ballet, "Bhill Dance", "Snake Charmer", "Urvashi", "Mohini" and "Gandharva".

No Forward Business After 1942 July Settlement

BOMBAY, Dec. 19.

The Government of Bombay have given permission to the authorities of the Bombay Stock Exchange to allow the fixation of the rates under the proviso that permission will not be granted to do forward business after the end of 1942 july settlement. The Government will consider the question of revision of these minimum rates after a week.

The Half-Column
By "Dim"

During Question Hour in the House of Commons,

(1) Mr. George MacDonald (Labour) asked Mr. Amery whether there was not a great danger of a great amount of fifth column work in India and the war effort being undermined thereby.

Mr. Amery replied I am not aware of that.

That's funny, I remember being called one myself when I wrote something about a canteen. And again someone chased someone else round a billiard table at a local club about the use of the word "fifth column"

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(2) With regard to the Viceroy's appeal, Mr. Sninwell asked: "Instead of an appeal, should not a first move be made and should not the first move come from Government?

Mr. Amery replied: "All moves naturally come from the Viceroy and the Viceroy has done all in his power".

He has imprisoned and released Indian thought and opinion. He has tried it both ways. Really what more do you expect him to do?

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Overheard at a Students' Union: "We must strengthen our cultural front"

"The only front I remember wanting strengthened was that of my stiff shirt, which in the heat of Bombay was always getting pulp."

Ah! but these students must have their play on words.

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Headline in yesterday's 'Sentinel':

Amery sticks to his gun (singular and not plural).

Which gun?

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I am very pleased to see the way English editors like Messrs. Arthur Moore and Francis Low are co-operating with the rest of the nationalist press in many resolutions that have recently been passed and that these two very fine individuals have a greater loyalty to their profession than to class and race. On several occasions recently they have rallied well to the cause of the press. And now again on the issue raised by Devdas Gandhi's conviction for contempt of Court.

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Headlines at Random.

(1) British forces evacuate Wellesley.

(2) Rommel running for his life.

(3) Stork visits Duchess of Gloucester.

This world! This little world!

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News item from the press:

"Social boycott of Mr. Fazlul Huq, Bengal Premier, Sir Sultan Ahmed and Begum Sha Nawaz who have been expelled from the Muslim League, was suggested in a resolution adopted by the Council of the Sind Provincial Muslim League at a meeting held last evening."

This India! This budding India!

THE FILM
FOR YOUR HOLIDAY MOOD
NATIONAL'S
NAI-ROSHNI
GOING STRONG AT PATHE

B. B. C. I. Watch And Ward Drill

The Watch and Ward Department of the B B and C I Rly held their annual competition in drill and turnout at Bombay Central on the 18th inst., in which six selected squads drawn from the Broad and Metre Gauge Systems competed in the presence of Mr. W T Aldous, General Traffic Manager, and several other officers of the Railway.

The drill and turn-out were of such a high order that the Judges, Messrs. P S Clarke, Deputy General Traffic Manager, A A Brown, Deputy General Traffic Manager, Claims, N Iredale, Movement Officer and Captain E J Austen, Staff Officer, had considerable difficulty in selecting the three best squads. Eventually, the Fatehgarh District Squad, the Surat Squad and the Bombay Central Squad were adjudged 1st, 2nd and 3rd by the smallest of margins.

After the parade Mr. Aldous presented the prizes to the three winning squads. The "Aldous Challenge Shield" was won by the Fathegarh District, and useful gifts were awarded to each member of the winning squads.

A Cheque for Rs. 1,000 was presented to the General Traffic Manager by Mr. Kaul, Watch and Ward Superintendent, on behalf of his Department as a donation to the B B and C I Railway War Planes Fund.

A tea party was given to Pt. Jawaharlal by Prof. K. T. Shah on Thursday evening at the University gardens.

INDIAN TROOPS IN MALAYA

Indian troops getting into boats during coastal defence exercises somewhere in Malaya. Malay ratings look on while Indian soldiers get into boats from a ship at anchor off the coast of Malaya.

The late Mr. Chhotalal Muljibhai Dharia, well-known Gujerati educationist who passed away on Sunday last in Bombay.

Hindus Make 243 For Four Wickets

Vijay Merchant's Unbeaten Century: Peerbhoy's Successful Bowling

A sparkling unbeaten century by Vijay Merchant coupled with a magnificent attempt on his part to save a collapse was the feature of the first day's game in the third round of the Pentangular, which began at the Brabourne Stadium on Friday last.

At the close of the day's game the Hindus were able to collect 243 runs with six wickets still in hand.

Peerbhoy was the only successful bowler on the Muslim side, and accounted for three good wickets.

Promising Start

Hindlekar and Sohoni made a promising start for the Hindus, and their determined stand at the wicket for an hour which yielded 60 runs at the initial stage inspired the hopes of a tail Hindu total.

However, with the advent of Peerbhoy in the attack a quick turn came in the fortunes of the game.

His off-breaks were unplayable for a time, and both Sohoni and Hindlekar fell victims to him one after another.

Vijay Merchant and V. Raiji then entered into a steady partnership and the score slowly began to mount.

Only within an hour after lunch much of the venom of the Muslim bowling appeared to have been killed, and the pair seemed well establish.

One run short of the first century Peerbhoy was again entrusted with the leather, and again proved effective, this time Raiji being the victim.

Slight changes were visible in both the teams. Jai from the Hindu team having injured one of his feet, Vijay Merchant had to captain the Hindu side. The vacancy was filled in by Uday Merchant, one of the reserves.

On the Muslim side Peerbhoy, Maka and Balooch were the new comers in places of Aloo, Nakhuda and Latiff.

Vijay Merchant having won the toss sent out Hindlekar and Sohoni to open the game for the Hindus. Saeed Ahmed, the Muslim fast bowler beginning the attack from the pavilion end passed down a maiden to Hindlekar.

Sohoni facing Hakim drove his last ball for a single, thus opening the account for the Hindus. Some good bowling was witnessed at the outset, Saeed Ahmed, particularly being deadly. Exactly after 15 minutes the first ten of the Hindu innings went up the board.

Balooch now replaced Hakim and the batsmen had to treat the new bowler with courtesy. With Sohoni becoming a bit aggressive the pace of run getting slowly increased, and at 11-20 twenty were resistered on the board.

Chhipa was now brought in place of Saeed Ahmed, and Sohoni thrice driving him on off and on brought his 20 on the board. Soon 30 also went up. Hindlekar who didn't seem to believe in the aggressive policy of his partner was all the while keeping the bowling down avoiding all unnecessary risk—a really remarkable characteristic for an opening batsman. His main hits were on the leg, and that too, only singles.

HEADING TO COLLAPSE

After nearly seventy minutes of the game a hefty stroke by Sohoni off Chhipa sent up 40 on the board amidst cheers, and with that the Hindu pair seemed to have been firmly set. But destiny had ordained otherwise. With 40 up, Peerbhoy, the new Muslim slow-spinner was brought in from the pavilion end. From the very start he proved effective, almost deadly. A good off-break off his second over completely shattered Sohoni's bails, and he returned to the pavilion. (41—1—30).

More luck was in store for Peerbhoy M. N. Raiji who came third having played out the over Peerbhoy came again from the pavilion end, and sending down an another unplayable off-break shattered one more wicket—this time Hindlekar being the victim. (44—2—13).

Vijay Merchant now came out to stop the further collapse. With his advent into the field the complexion of the game changed, and, some well-hit strokes—which are a rare commodity when a collapse sets in—off him brought 50, and a little later 60 on the board. Peerbhoy too had come in for some punishment.

At this stage Peerbhoy was replaced by Yakub Sheikh, the medium-paced left-hander. Saeed came back from the opposite end. The new pair that seemed determined to settle down took no risk whatever and were satisfied only with casual singles.

Soon Peerbhoy was brought back and by one single off him on mid-on he set up his first ten on the board.

Before the game closed for lunch the Hindus had made 89 and with two wickets down.

After lunch Vijay Merchant and Raiji playing confidently carried the score to 70 and a little later to 80 and 90.

At 99 Peerbhoy was brought in again, and his very first ball saw Raiji caught in the bowler's hands (99—3—26).

Rangnekar then entered into partnership with Merchant and in a short while the first Hindu century went up the board.

In the over that followed Peerbhoy was severely punished by Merchant who hooked repeatedly to square-leg. Patient and cautious play blended with some sound strokes when opportunities occurred enabled Vijay to carry his score to 40 within an hour after lunch.

MERCHANT'S 50

With Peerbhoy coming into bowling again Merchant lifted him to mid-on for a four followed immediately by a double which brought him to his 50 amidst thunderous cheers.

Both Merchant and Rangnekar now went on hitting and changes in bowling did not affect them. Peerbhoy's spinners had lost much of their sting, and stroke after stroke that followed raised the score quickly. At 3-15 the score-board showed 160 which included Merchant's 70.

At 160 Y. Sheik replaced Peerbhoy and Saeed Ahmed came in the place of Chhipa from the opposite end. The keeping of the ball with Peerbhoy for too long a period was a mistake, and Muslim had to pay too dearly for it. The opinion in the press tent was that an immediate change in bowling, when Peerbhoy was lifted continuously to long and off strokes, would have saved many runs. When, therefore, Saeed and Yakoob returned at 160 it was considered to be a welcome change. The effect of this change was soon felt for in his third over Rangnekar putting his leg in front was declared l.b.w. (170-4-28).

Adhikari joined Merchant and both played out till tea-time the score stood at 177.

After tea, Y. Sheikh opened the attack and Adhikari drove him past-cover for two. With an addition of one the total went up to 180.

Peerbhoy, who was tried once again at this stage, could keep the batsmen in check for some time. Merchant particularly seemed determined to lift his bat for ground strokes only. It was exactly after four and a half hours of game that the second century of the Hindus was signalled.

THE NEW BALL

The new ball was brought in at this stage, and Saeed Ahmed was entrusted with it from the pavilion-end. His second ball saw Nazar Mahomed miss a difficult catch, off Adhikari, on leg side. Hakim came from the opposite end, and Adhikari hooked him for one. Merchant also snicked him in the same direction for a double. This seasoned Test player was seen playing too cautiously after 80, and would not touch a ball unless he was sure about it. All his strokes were perfectly sound and always in right direction. There seemed to be a dogged determination on his part not to raise his bat for any big stroke till he had reached his century. That was why after his 80 he took more than half an hour to complete his 90. This he did by driving Hakim to long mid-on for four. Every single that he got now was the signal of a heavy all-round applause.

MERCHANT'S CENTURY

After Adhikari had square-cut Saeed for a four, Merchant again came to face Balooch off, whom he got a single, his total standing now at 97. Hakim came from the opposite end and Merchant on-driving him for three reached his long awaited century.

At 5 the score was 233 which included Merchant's 100.

Score:

HINDUS (1st Innings)

D. D. Hindlekar, b Peerbhoy	13
S. W. Sohoni, b. Peerbhoy ..	28
M. N. Raiji, c and b Peerbhoy	26
V. M. Merchant, batting ..	105
K. M. Rangnekar, l.b.w., b Saeed Ahmed	28
H. R. Adhikari, batting	38
Extras	5
Total (for 4 wickets) ..	243

ANTI-PENTANGULAR PROPAGANDA.

The anti-Pentangular propaganda and the picketing organised by students seem to have had a considerable effect. The crowd was thin and insignificant for a match which was considered to be of first-class importance and interest. Mahatmaji's letter to Sjt. Bhave was prominently displayed. The picketing was peaceful.

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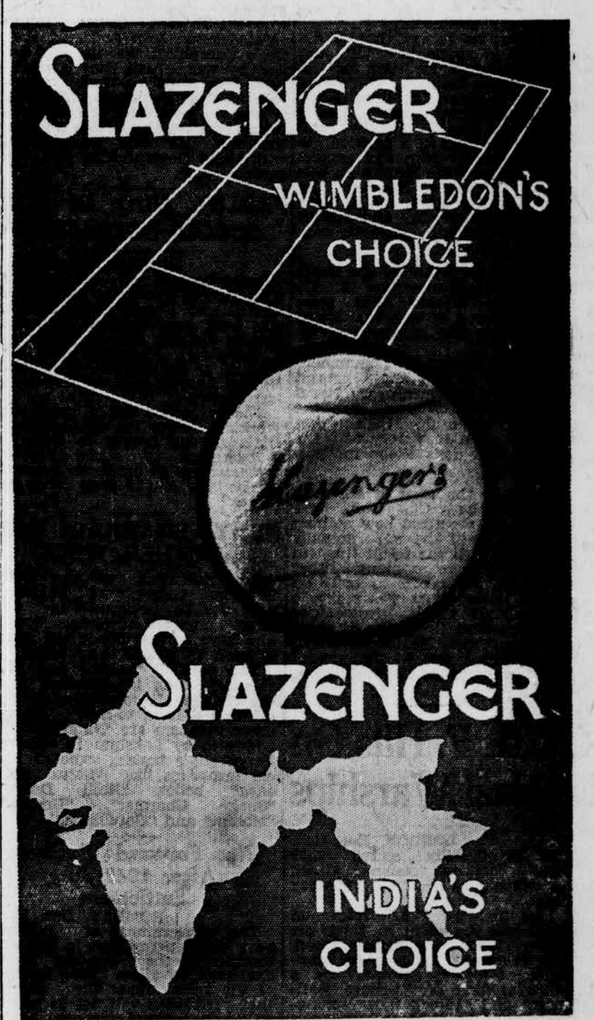

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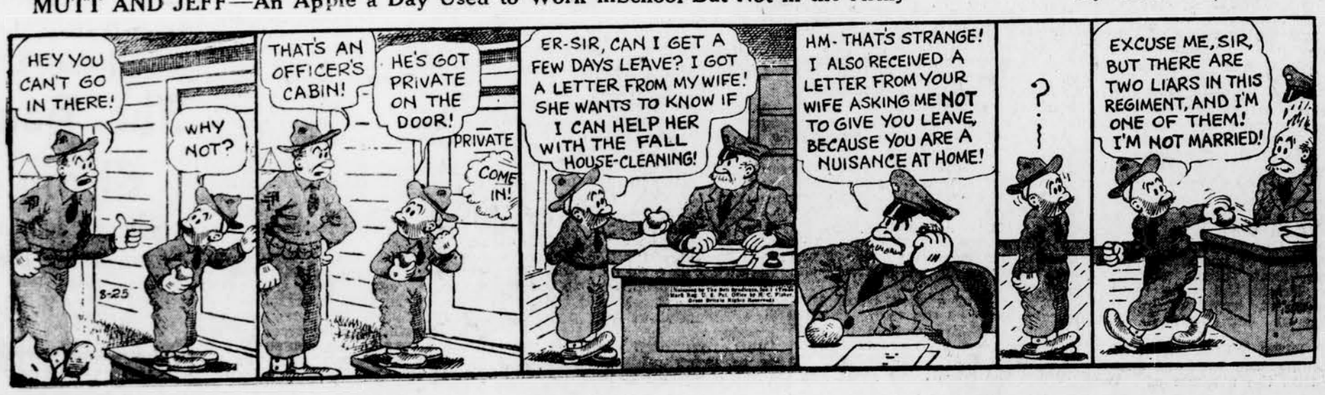

Race Tips At A Glance

	1st Race.	2nd Race.	3rd Race.	4th Race.	5th Race	6th Race.	7th Race.	8th Race.	9th Race.
"Bombay Sentinel."	Wavell Riman Hilal Salam	Piccolo Al Ra'eed Jarir	Shanghai Umeim Mujbil Hamid	Double Oak Lion Tamer Advance	Indication Dr. Mary Gold Gainer	Kotor Gipsy Song Vijai Kumari	Ballinahown Leander Pierrot	Bisharin Ishrat Sultana Linguaphone	Sultana Salim Desert Gem Jahman Suri
"Bombay Samachar."	Riman Sukab Ramzi Prince Suri	Sahran Al Ra'eed Piccolo	Umeim Shanghai M. Abdullah	Marengo Sweetness Double Oak	Indication Smara Lord Clarion	Valentia Jinks Gipsy Song Kanchanmala	Ballinahown National Flag Leander	Ministrone Bisharin Linguaphone	Desert Gem Sultana Salim Prince Hilal
Sporting Times.	Sukab Ramzi Sa'ad Jassim Riman Iraq Marshal	Al Ra'eed Sahran Zarina Piccolo	Shanghai Umeim School Boy Mujbil Hamid	Sheritoy Double Oak Lion Tamer Marengo	Indication Sugar Baby Smara Virgins	Kotor Gipsy Song Valentia Jinks Faiz	Shanak Pierrot National Flag Ballinahown	Bisharin Linguaphone Sumatai Ministrone	Sultana Salim Desert Gem Chief Ruler Jahman Suri
Turf Special.	Riman Hilal Salam Prince Suri Nibras	Sahran Al Ra'eed Jarir Piccolo	Umeim Mujbil Hamid Suez Shanghai	Sheritoy Lion Tamer Sweetness Double Oak	Indication Gold Gainer Bleasan Dr. Mary	Kotor Alfaion Valentia Jinks Dark Wings	Pierrot Usk National Flag Shanak	Ishrat Sultana Linguaphone High Lights Foxhair	Sultana Salim Jahman Suri Star of Lanka Desert Gem
Motee Special	Riman Wavell Nibras Iraq Marshal	Sahran Piccolo Al Ra'eed Jarir	Umeim Shanghai Amirai M. Abdullah	Marengo Final Dash Lion Tamer Sheritoy	Dr. Mary Kirit Smara Indication	Kotor Dark Wings Gipsy Song Kanchanmala	Pierrot Ballinahown Engaged Usk	Bisharin Philtre Ishrat Sultana High Lights	Desert Gem Sultana Salim Jahman Suri Prince Hilal
"Evening News."	Riman Sukab Ramzi	Jarir Sahran	Shanghai Suez	Sheritoy Marengo	Smara Dr. Mary	Kotor Katipo	Usk Ballinahown	Linguaphone High Lights	Desert Gem Fazal
"Sanj Vartaman."	Riman Hilal Salam	Piccolo Jarir	Suez Umeim	Sheritoy Double Oak Sweetness	Indication Gold Gainer	Valentia Jinks Gipsy Song	National Flag Leander	Linguaphone High Lights	Desert Gem Prince Hilal Sultana Salim

BOMBAY XMAS MEETING: 4TH DAY.

Leander's Outstanding Chance In W. I. Cup

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FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

The Western India Cup race which is the day's big event is sure to attract big attendance to Mahalaxmi.

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Kotor in the Matheran Plate and Sultana Salim in the Stetchworth Plate appear to me as safe bets for the day.

The following are my final selections:—

FIRST RACE: 1-45 P.M.

RIMAN	1
WAVELL	2
SUKAB RAMZI	F.

SECOND RACE: 2-15 P.M.

AL RA'EED	1
JARIR	2
PICCOLO	F.

THIRD RACE: 2-45 P.M.

MUJBIL HAMID	1
UMEIM	2
SUEZ	F.

FOURTH RACE: 3-15 P.M.

LION TAMER	1
ADVANCE	2
SHERITOY	F.

FIFTH RACE: 3-45 P.M.

INDICATION	1
DR. MARY	2
SUGAR BABY	F.

SIXTH RACE: 4-15 P.M.

KOTOR	1
GIPSY SONG	2
VALENTIA JINKS	F.

SEVENTH RACE: 4-45 P.M.

LEANDER	1
PIERROT	2
BALLINAHOWN	F.

Last Year's Result

Pierrot, 7-11	Jadhav
Leander, 7-9	Whiteside
Usk, 9-2	Davison
Crushed Corn, 8-2	Meekings

EIGHTH RACE: 5-15 P.M.

ISHRAT SULTANA	1
BISHARIN	2
HIGH LIGHTS	F.

NINTH RACE: 5-45 P.M.

SULTANA SALIM	1
DESERT GEM	2
PRINCE HILAL	F.

Last Year's Result

Seven Heaven, 10-4	Meekings
Great Star, 7-7	Whiteside
Kolhapur, 7-12	Brace
Royal Rival, 7-11	Jadhav

Picketing started again at the Brabourne Stadium on Friday.

THE PENTANGULAR

Europeans In Sad Plight

Parsis Made Hay While Sun Shone

BY J. C. MAITRA.

The second match in the Pentangular Cricket Tournament between the Parsees and the Europeans proved an altogether one-sided affair, the former gaining an outright verdict by an innings and 262 runs. This victory does not in any way proclaim the overwhelming superiority of the winning team in every department of the game. It merely shows that the losers were not any where near their usual form, the war conditions having made it impossible for them to attain it with consistent net practice and regular match play. Therefore it is by no means a discredit to the Europeans for the miserable show put up by them. Nor is it a gigantic achievement for the Parsis. I have not the least doubt in my mind that if the European players were in their true fettle the match would have told a very different tale.

PROLIFIC SCORING BY PARSI BATSMEN

Any way, the credit due to the Parsis cannot be denied to them. They made hay while the Sun shone. After their initial set back—two wickets going down for 18 runs on the board—their batsmen went for the bowling with dogged tenacity and resourcefulness and ultimately collared it firmly and utilised the situation to their best advantage. K. P. Aibara showed the way with a courageous 59. Then M. F. Mistry, R. S. Mody and J. B. Khote smashed the European bowling to pieces. Mistry retired after putting on 152 to his credit. Mody collected 144, while Khote remained unbeaten with 103. In the process a record fourth wicket partnership of 231 runs was established. This is I believe the first instance in the cricket festival of Bombay when three separate centuries have been registered in the same innings. While Mistry stands today as the highest individual score among the Parsis, his figure falls far below the 241 mocked up by L. Amarnath against the Rest in 1938. Perhaps he might have acquired that distinction—or at least equalled the record of A. L. Hosie's 200—if he was allowed to bat for another day in his own dogged way.

EUROPEAN BATSMEN FAIL MISERABLY

Having scored the massive figure of 532 for 5 wickets, the Parsis declared their innings closed. Undaunted by the stupendous task before them, the early batsmen of the Europeans started fairly confidently. When 60 was telegraphed on the board, they had lost only one wicket. A deadly spell by Palia at this stage changed the whole complexion of the game. By 62 3 wickets were down. The Parsi skipper claimed them all at the cost of only 10 runs. Although Moss and Tew made a gallant attempt to stop the rot, carrying the total to 90 by the end of the second day they could not prevent a landslide on the following morning, when seven wickets fell for an addition of 27 runs only.

Forced to follow on, the Europeans succumbed in their second venture for 153. Only two batsmen S. I. Phillips and N. Mischler, faced the Parsi bowlers with confidence. For them to score 42 and 75 not out respectively in such a crisis was indeed highly commendable If Phillips was not unfortunately run out and Mischler had somebody to give him a stand, they might have done better still. However the match was lost in a panic and lack of confidence on the part of the batsmen. A word of praise is due to Palia for the clever way he handled his bowling stock and managed the field.

BOYCOTT CONTINUED BY FANS

The Parsis will now meet the winners of the Hindu-Muslim match in the final round which commences on Tuesday next. After their easy victory against the Europeans they will meet their ultimate rivals with confidence. It remains to be seen how they fare against a stronger combination.

As in the first match, the stands were thinly populated during this engagement, despite the the fact that there was no picketing in case of the latter. It is evident that this communal festival has very few supporters in the city now. The authorities would do well to consider the claims of its rival—the Zonal Pentangular—in the near future.

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Current And Coming Indian Films

David, Sunalini and Maya in 'Raja Rani' coming shortly.

DHANDORA SCORES A GREAT SUCCESS

DRAWS HUGE CROWDS AT OPERA HOUSE

Ranjit's rollicking comedy 'Dhandora' is being awarded royal reception at Opera House. It has broken the record of any picture previously released in it collections. It drew house appreciative crowds, and every show has a packed house. It enters into its second week from today. The main attractions of 'Dhandora' lie in original bunches by Charlie, Charlie's direction, his funny and sweet song hits and humorous story full of comic situations.

The story is by Charlie. It unfolds a funny tale of two cine artists craving self-publicity. They devise a strange plan. Pyare runs away to Calcutta, and Mansukh gets himself arrested as the murderer of Pyare. On the way to Calcutta Pyare meets Kumud and her father. These young hearts fall an easy prey to Cupid's darts. In Calcutta the comedy of errors starts on the basis of striking resemblance between Pyare and Uttam—the foolish son of Sir Niranjan. Sir Niranjan mistakes Pyare as Uttam but soon realises his error. Just to get Uttam engaged to an England returned girl Sadhan, he employs Pyare to act as Uttam. The plan is successfully carried out. Pyare, then hearing that Mansukh is given capital punishment for the fake murder of himself rushes to Bombay and gets Mansukh acquitted. Then Kumud and Pyare are wedded.

Charlie plays a dual role of Uttam and Pyare. Shamin acts Kumud with perfect understandings. Dixit is remarkably well as Mansukh. Husn Banu plays Sadhna. These main characters are ably supported by E Billimoria, Ghory, Keshri and Taimur.

Talwar Production

"Khamoshi" directed by R. C. Talwar is lavishly being produced at Shree Bharat Lakshmi Studio. It is being recorded on R. C. A. and the picture will be ready in the end of February. The cast is Miss Romala, Mr. Gyani, Mr. Sham Sunder, Manorama Devi, etc.

SPLENDID RECORDING IN 'ANJAN'

"Bombay Talkies" latest picture "Anjan" which is now running to crowded houses at Roxy, has attracted both the classes and masses. Special mention must be made of the perfect sound-recording in "Anjan", by Mr. Mohamadali Ismail Dharamsey the youngest successful sound-technician.

The success of the technical side of "Anjan" is a good deal, due to the valuable contribution of Mr. Mahomadali Ismail Dharamsey.

'Anjan' is being withdrawn rather suddenly from Roxy and for those who have not yet seen it or who intend a repeat run, have a few days left. Jhoola will be screened there from Wednesday December 24.

M. I. Dharamsey, Sound Recordist of Bombay Talkies.

SEEK REFUGE FROM A WARRING WORLD?

Meet Girl Saint Sakhu At Prabhat

Christmas is approaching. The spirit of the Christ should now be abroad, but an unthinking world, mad with power-lust, is denying His existence.

At the Central Cinema, Prabhat has epitomised this problem within the compass of a domestic story, the life story of Sant Sakhu. It is a story of the spirit of Christ conquering all evil and securing salvation for the evildoers. It is story of the suffering and ultimate vindication of a frail girl, who was yet strong enough to face all worldly odds. She found her strength in her own soul, in her own realisation of the power of Mercy.

With news of destruction thick in the air all around us, it is heartening to visit the Central Cinema and see the story of Sakhu, presented with an emotional understanding but without exaggeration; with a moral grandeur decked with entertainment qualities, as only Prabhat can contrive. The picture arms us against the spiritual despair that world events are trying to force on us, and revitalizes our faith in the ultimate triumphant emergence of Peace and Goodwill.

'Payachi Dasi' At Kohinoor

'Payachi Dasi', Atre's maiden hit depicting the story of a modern girl as the daughter-in-law of a village family ruled by a stern mother-in-law enters its 3rd week of successful run at the Kohinoor Cinema, Dadar.

Thickly populated as it is with Maharashtrians, Dadar is now vieing with Bombay proper to show box office results to film producers. Recently installed with High Intensity RCA Arcs, the Kohinoor is becoming more favourite with the audiences on that side.

Durga Khote, Vanmala and Atre, mainly responsible for the success of the film are now receiving congratulatory letters from fans in Bombay North after the release of the Film at Kohinoor.

"Circus Queen" Scores At Super

Paramount's thriller "Circus Queen", starring Moti and Jal Merchant, entered its 4th week at the Super Talkies yesterday where it is still pulling crowds.

If one were to make a minute study of the reasons for the popularity of the film it will be seen that "Circus Queen" does not make any effort or pretence to put over any sort of message. Its first and foremost aim is entertainment and one finds that in plenty in this fast moving spectacle of life.

Apart from the powerful story, the film has many light moments, too, in which Agha and Rekha, the new team of funsters, rock us with laughter. Another point of appeal is the very exquisite dance performed by the versatile Azurie with her partner.

Minerva Raided By Students And Public

With the war entering a new phase, the topicality of Minerva's 'Sikandar" has received a new momentum. The picture depicts in clear-cut terms as to how a country is to be defended in case an intruder threatens its internal peace. No wonder then, that unprecedented crowds throng Minerva Talkies to see "Sikandar" and hear its timely message.

But besides the public, "Sikandar" has facinated the student world of Bombay who find in it history told in pictures and learnt without tears. Last week, the head of a school asked for arrangements to be made for 430 of the pupils to see the picture.

'Tulsi' Coming To Novelty

"Tulsi" being released to-day at Novelty, offers a gripping love drama alive with human interest and beautiful music, songs and dance and spectacle. The picture which, incidentally is a Swastik-India release, was directed by Gunjal from a story by Pujari and dialogue by Pandit Fani, who also wrote the lyrics. The music is by H. Bali.

Tulsi, a simple maiden could never forget her father who was killed when she was a child in an encounter with dacoits—though she grew up in the affectionate companionship of Kallu and Mohan who were her friends from toddling days. Monan was the Zamindar's son. Kallu came of poorer stock. But the three loved one another with the fervour of inseparables. As they grew up their innocent companionship continued in happy association as they beguiled their hours in song and a love that the years merely intensified. The village gossips set their tongues a-wagging but the trio was unperturbed.

Eventually Tulsi torn between the youths preferred Kallu, and Mohan with noble sacrifice, accepted her choice. The lovers were married and it looked as if they would be happy ever after.

But here cruel fate intervened to weave sorrow into their lives and an intriguing villain who hated them for reasons of his own sowed suspicion in Kallu's heart that brought calamity into their lives.

The plot develops in an atmosphere of terrific drama and excitement to a conclusion which is as unexpected as it is satisfying. Shalini and Neela play the leading feminine roles. Both are newcomers and are reported to have given performances that should raise them to the rank of stardom.

Shalini who will shine in 'Tulsi' at Novelty.

ASSAM DOES IT TOO!

No Entertainment Tax On "Padosi" In Assam

In recognition of the immense propoganda value of the Prabhat picture 'Padosi', in furtherance of the cause of Hindu-Muslim unity, the Government of Assam have, as from 12th of December 1941, exempted the shows of that picture in the province of Assam from the levy of entertainment tax.

It will be recalled that the Government of Sind and Cambay had taken a lead in this matter by sanctioning such an exemption about three months ago.

"The Court Dancer" At Broadway

As a special attraction for the ensuing X'mas, the Broadway Talkies at Dadar, will be showing 'The Court Dancer' India's first English Talkie produce by the Wadia Movietone Co., for the international market.

Starring the incomparable Sadhona Bose, the Court Dancer presents in vivid sequences the story of the hopes and heartburns of a professional Dancer and her contemptible status in Society of Ancient Manipur, and also gives scope to give a glimpse of the glory that was India's to world audiences.

Sadhona Bose who is reputed internally as a great exponent of the Indian Classical Dance is at her best. The supporting cast consists of Prithviraj, Jal Khambatta, Protima and Benita Das Gupta. The film is directed by Modhu Bose, and recently had a rousing reception at the Metro Cinema where it was opened by the Governor of Bombay.

"Adhikar" At Chitra In This Week

The delightful and entertaining story of two happy young souls brought up in luxury, and imbibing the culture and manners of rich aristocrats is unfolded in 'Adhikar' which is being screened this week at Chitra (Dadar). How fondness develops to affection and affection matures into love, is superbly portrayed in 'Adhikar' which features Jamuna, Menaka, Barua, Paharj and other well-known stars. The contrast between the luxuries of the rich and the privations of the poor is very forcefully shown in 'Adhikar'.

Leela Chitnis, Ashok Kumar and Mumtaz Ali in 'Jhoola' coming to Roxy on December 24.

"JHOOLA": MERRY FILM FOR MERRY SEASON!

FRESH BUILD-UP FOR LEELA-ASHOK TEAM

'RAJA RANI' NEARING ITS COMPLETION

Atre's New Picture Of Joint Family Life

How many of you are aware of the fact that it takes one whole day to provide you about two minutes of your two and half hours of screen fare. This is only possible if the director maintains a very good speed in his 'shooting' schedule. But there are certain directors, who are renowned for extra fast speed; they are able to complete even three of four hundred feet of 'edited' film (which takes four or five minutes for screening in a day. And among the directors in the Indian film industry, few can compete with Najamul Hasan Naqvi in speed. The period in which he completed the shooting of 'Punarmilan' holds a record of latest work in the annals of Bombay Talkies. Now in Atre Pictures too he is shooting Atre Pictures "Raja Rani" with the same speed with the result that the picture will be ready for release in a fortnight.

It will be worth mentioning here that in maintaining exceptionally fast pace in shooting Director Naqvi does not overlook the quality of the picture from technical as well as artistic point of view. Indeed, technically every foot taken by him is without any blamish; and artistically you know how he fared in 'Punarmilan' and if we are to believe what producer Atre and his intimate friends who have seen the rushes of "Raja Rani" say, Naqvi can be relied on turning out a brilliantly artistic picture too.

The cast of "Raja Rani" is an attraction by itself. It is to be seen, how Mazharkhan, Vanmala, Sunalinidevi, Navin Yagnik, Trilok Kapoor, Maya Devi, David, Baby Vimal and Govind, assembled together for the first time on the screen, avail themselves of this opportunity.

Mr. Atre has written the story of this picture above background is life in a joint Hindu family.

"Khazanchi" Serves Film Industry

By the time the first-run of 'Khazanchi' is completed in the country (which will be months yet) it will be found that this Pancholi production was seen by far more people than are presumed to be interested at all in films. That 'Khazanchi' is creating a new audience-record, there is no manner of doubt. People are seeing this picture, who have never stepped into a film theatre before.

Having seen 'Khazanchi' and liked it of course, those people may now see other pictures, too and thus become film 'fans'. It is a tribute to the wide appeal of 'Khazanchi' that it has been able to canvass people who would have been indignant a few months ago at the mere suggestion of seeing a movie.

Pictures Under Production In New Theatres Studio

"Meenakshi", the bilingual production of New Theatres, with Sadhona Bose in the steller role, is making rapid progress under the direction of Modhu Bose. Based on a powerful story, depicting the amazing life of a self-respecting girl, whose ultimate victory through trials and tribulations, finds a spell-binding conclusion in this is a well-knitted drama of love, greed, misunderstanding and success.

Director Hem Chunder, has in the meantime made appreciable progress in the production of "Saogandh" (a Hindustani version of Bengal's greatest box-office hit of 1941) Pahari, Ashitbaran and Bharati playing the leading roles, supported by an efficient team of competent talents.

A merry film for a merry season—that is "Jhoola", the Bombay Talkies production to be released at the Roxy during the Christmas holidays.

For the first time, this leading studio, remarkable for the modesty of its pre-release claims, is allowing it to be said of "Jhoola" that it will be an uproarious comedy, a lovely musical and a romance with an original twist in it.

That the prophecy will be fulfilled, there need be no doubt. People like a successful screen pair; and who better than Leela Chitnis and Ashok Kumar, of "Kangan" and of "Bandhan"? In "Jhoola", their third starring partnership, they have all the background and assistance that should help them to outshine their own erstwhile glory.

Support, in characteristic character-roles, from stalwarts like Shah Nawaz and V. H. Desai, and from competent artistes like Karuna Devi and Rajkumari Shukla; dance numbers by two veterans in the craft, Mumtaz Ali and Shanaadi (who also play important roles); songs by the screen's most-discussed poet, Pradeep, these are among the wide range of rich material that will further enhance the talents of the star pair.

Mr. Gyan Mukerji and Mr. Santoshi have written the screenplay and the latter, with Mr. Shahid Latif, have written the dialogue. Mr. Gyan Mukerji has directed the picture, too. Mr. S. Mookerji has produced it.

"Jhoola", as the latest Bombay Talkies production, and the third S. Mukerji picture as a starring vehicle of the screen's popular team Leela Chitnis and Ashok Kumar is being looked forward to as ideal entertainment for Christmas Holidays.

'NAI ROSHNI' GETTING MORE POPULAR EVERY WEEK

With the passage of every week, Nai Roshni of National Studios is getting more and more popular at Pathe. The realistic appeal to the lower middle class population of this city and the humorous situations in it created by the fine acting ability of Kanaiyalal, Sunalini Devi, Husn Banu, Harish and others are mainly responsible for its popularity.

Sardar Akhtar who is starred in the picture, of course, lines up to her past screen reputation.

'Sajjan' At Lamington

The much talked of "Sajjan" a Sudarshan picture is now at Lamington Talkies.

The story centres round a man who defies society and law to make others happy. The role is ably played by Jagdish Sethi the famous character actor supported by Husn Banu, Satish, David, Urmilla, Agha and Gope. The picture is produced at the renowned Ranjit Studios and it is directed by Dwarka Khosla. The music side is handled by Pratap Mukerji. All these and other added elements which go to make a good motion picture promise this picture quite entertaining.

Urmila in "Sajjan" at Lamington.

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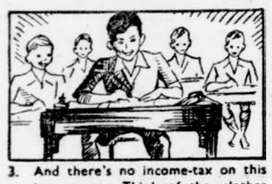

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A.-I. S. A. Council Sessions

BARDOLI, Dec. 18.

The Council of the All-India Spinners' Association resumed its sitting this afternoon under the presidency of Mr. Krishnadas Jaju, Mahatma Gandhi attended.

It is understood that Gandhiji in a short speech dwelt on the need of increasing the production of Khadi to meet the growing demand.

The meeting considered proposals put forward by the provincial secretaries in connection with the production of Khadi. The question of establishing more Khadi Centres was also considered.

The meeting also discussed problems about rasing more funds to meet the demands of the workers engaged in the production of Khadi in view of rise in the price of foodstuffs.

The Council met in the morning also, Shrimati Amrit Kaur, who was elected to the Council, attended the meeting to-day and yesterday.

Questions of self-sufficiency in the production of khadi, of increasing the wages of workers engaged therein, increasing the price of khadi and abandoning the carding machine were, it is understood, discussed in detail at this morning's sitting of the All-India Spinners' Association.

It is understood that general opinion was in favour of increasing the wages of workers by reducing the overhead avoidable expenses.

But it did not support the question of increasing the price of Khadi, which might affect the larger interests of the public.

As regards the carding machine, it is understood that the meeting generally advocated the policy of replacing the machine by the use of Yeravda charkha, thus avoiding the cost of maintenance of the machine.

GANDHI SEVA SANGH

A meeting of the Gandhi Seva Sangh will be held here on December 20. Mahatma Gandhi will preside.—United Press.

SUPPLY DEPT. REQUIREMENTS

Price For Important Cloths Fixed

Discussions between the Representatives of the Supply Department, Government of India, and the Standing Sub-Committee of the Cotton Textile Panel consisting of Mr. Kasturbhai Lalbhai, Mr. B. W. Batchelor, and Mr. K. M. D. Thackersey, were continued to-day.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Ghulam Mahommed, C.I.E., Additional Secretary to Government of India, Department of Supply. Final decisions in respect of prices for the important cloths required by the supply Department during the first three months of Government's 1942 programme were fixed, as also the basis on which prices will be regulated at three-monthly intervals hereafter during the period of the war.

The prices so fixed have been based on the prices paid in April/May/June 1941 with the necessary adjustments for changes in the costs of cotton, stores, wages, fuel, etc. Government's annual requirements are valued at over 40-Crores of Rupees, and the exact allocations to individual mill are to be arranged on a basis approximating to 20 per cent of the production of each. This will spread the field of supply and will considerably ease the supply problem. As far as possible, the types of cloths to be manufactured by individual mills will be those most closely allied to their existing types of production. The question of yarn supplies is to be taken up for consideration to-morrow at Bombay by another specially appointed Sub-Committee representatives of spinning interests throughout the country.

REDUCED RATES FOR BURMA RICE

Government Warns Against Hoarding Of Stock

The Director of Information writes:—

The rise in the prices of commodities is engaging the active attention of the Government of Bombay and, wherever possible, a reduction in prices is being secured with the voluntary co-operation of the Trade Associations.

The Burma Rice Merchants have reduced their rates and have agreed to sell the best quality of Small Mills at Rs. 14 a bag. This rate will apply to a minimum order of three bags, but it is anticipated that the Association will change its rules to enable its merchants to sell a minimum quantity of one bag. Retail quantities of Burma rice at proportionate prices can be purchased at the Government grain shops.

There is, unfortunately, a tendency on the part of a section of the public to hoard stocks, in anticipation of a shortage and a rise in price. It is not in the interests of the public to do so. The present stocks of Burma rice are sufficient for present requirements, and fresh supplies from Rangoon are expected. The forecast of the new Burma crop is favourable, and there is every possibility of the price coming down. Bezwada rice is now being imported by local merchants and this will further supplement the stocks. There is, therefore, no need to hoard rice either by middlemen or consumers.

The Government has declared Re. 14 per bag as a fair maximum price ex-godown for Rangoon Small Mills and is confident that the assurance of the representatives of the Association will be carried out by the merchants.

Releases Not Enough

Bhave On Need For Constructive Work

Shri Vinoba Bhave delivered his first speech after his release at a public meeting that was held in Wardha in the Gandhi Chowk on the evening of 6th instant. Babu Rajendra Prasad was in the chair. Dr. Ghosh and Babu Rajendra Prasad also addressed the meeting. The following is a summary of Shri Vinoba's address which was delivered in Marathi:

The release of Satyagrahi prisoners would rightly have been regarded as an occasion for rejoicing if it had meant the severing of our bonds or connoted a real change of heart on the part of the Government. But one looks in vain for any such indication either in the text of the Government's "communique" or in Mr. Amery's pronouncements. The general release of the Satyagrahi prisoners unaccompanied by a readiness to concede the demand for freedom of non-violent speech, cannot enthuse us. We can only regard it as a device of the authorities to sabotage our struggle and demoralise our ranks.

The greater the self-purification the more effective and intense will our Satyagraha be. Mere numbers do not count. It is the quality of the conduct both inside and outside prison of those who take part in it that will tell. . . Judged by this test, I confess we have often fallen short of the standard. Our conduct in prison did not always reflect that moderation, self-denial and absolute truthfulness which is a Satyagrahi's hall-mark. To the extent to which we have failed in this, it is my conviction, that we have damaged our cause and weakened our struggle.

TURN SEARCHLIGHT INWARDS

But there is one consolation. Quiet introspection in prison has enabled us to realize our short-comings. That is no mean gain. Satyagraha is nothing if not the art of extracting good out of evil. And even this fail delivery will have served a useful purpose and taken our struggle a step forward, if the respite which it has afforded us enables us to re-order our ranks and purge ourselves of all impurity by turning the search-light inward.

Some critics have tried to run down the present Satyagraha struggle on the ground that it is restricted merely to the attainment of the freedom of speech which is not by itself a big enough issue. I beg to differ from these friends. We are not a petty state, but a nation of 400 millions with a rich spiritual heritage and tradition of our own. Whatever may be the case with some of the smaller European states, there is no salvation for us except through non-violence. Whatever strength we possess to-day has come to us through it. In these days of total warfare, if a nation adopts the method of violence, it must either arm itself on a colossal scale with death dealing armaments or be prepared for an abject surrender. Circumstanced as we are, the former alternative is not possible for us and it would spell a calamity for us and the world if it were. But thanks to Gandhiji, who after deep thought has presented us with the matchless weapon of non-violence, we do not feel helpless to-day. From a timid, trembling people who were afraid even of singing the "Vande Mataram" song thirty years ago we have through the method of Satyagrah become a bold, self-conscious nation that has on more than one occasion dared to put itself against the mightiest empire on earth. What some of our friends do not seem to realize is that, if in the present crisis, which is our hour of test, we fail to affirm our faith in non-violence in a practical form but allow ourselves to be swept into the maelstrom of violence that is sweeping over the world, we shall as a nation lose our soul and be out off from the strength which only a genuine and living faith in non-violence can give.

A plea has been advanced for reversion to the Parliamentary programme. There was a time when parliamentary activity had a place in our struggle. But under the circumstances that obtain to-day parliamentarian programme means participation in war effort. It would be a different matter if we had lost faith in the method of non-violence for the attainment of Swaraj. In that case we must get the Congress to scrap its creed first. But for those who hold with Gandhiji, that Swaraj for the masses can only come through non-violence, the only thing to do is to refurbish their weapon of Satyagraha through greater self-purification.

All cannot take part in civil disobedience. But all can co-operate in the struggle by engaging in constructive work. All can help to lay the foundation of a true and lasting heart unity among all the various sections of the people by purging themselves of the taint of communalism without which there can be no independence. The Hindus must banish untouchability altogether from their midst and fraternise with the Harijans. All must spin and help to organise the production and use of Khadi. We shall never be able to win or retain our independence unless we can solve the bread problem. But we need never despair or feel helpless so long as we have in the spinning wheel a means "par-excellence" for harnessing our man-power. It is through no blind chance that providence has provided to every one of us a pair of hands against one mouth only to feed.

This means that we must train every man, woman and child in this land to become a regular spinner and carder for the nation. They must become adepts in these processes and be further taught to link their activity with the struggle for freedom. Let them regard their avocation as a spiritual exercise as a means for bringing them into a living relationship with God's down trodden humanity and they will kindle in the country a strength and power of the spirit which will grow from day-to-day in ever increasing measure and which nothing on earth can conquer or subdue.

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Kolhapur Troops In Serious Lorry Accident

(From Our Correspondent.)

KOLHAPUR, Dec. 19.

Serious accident to a military lorry carrying about 40 soldiers of the Rajaram Rifles, Kolhapur to residency play ground yesterday afternoon resulted in broken heads, hands and feet of 31.

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JUBBULPORE, Dec. 18.

Enquiries made in the office of the Mahakoshal Provincial Congress Committee reveal that all the members of the A.I.C.C. from Mahakoshal will stand by Gandhiji and oppose any change in the present policy of the Congress and its leadership.

They are also opposed to the revival of the parliamentary activities till the Government revises its policy towards India and concedes the national demand for freedom.

NEW DELHI: Complete faith in Gandhiji's leadership and in his programme for the country's emancipation was expressed at a meeting of Congress workers to-day. Besides almost all released Satyagrahis, Mr. Asaf Ali, member of the Congress Working Committee, Mr. Raghunandan Saran, and Mr. Noorruddin Behari attended.

The meeting discussed the present political situation and expressed the opinion that parliamentary programme had absolutely no place at such a critical hour in Indian history, and did not favour the conversion of the Satyagraha movement into a mass movement.

Mr. Asaf Ali is leaving for Bardoli on December 21 to attend the meeting of the Congress Working Committee.—United Press.

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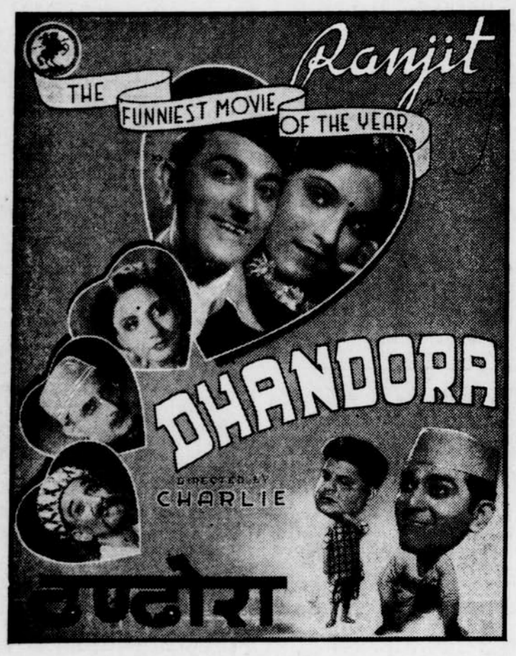

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Indian Troops Roll Back Three Italian Divisions

NAZI FORCES HELD IN GRIP FROM THREE SIDES, THOUGH ESCAPE POSSIBLE FROM FOURTH

LONDON, Dec. 19.

Reuter's special correspondent with the Eighth Army battle headquarters cables:

Gen. Rommel is on the run again.

His now combined armoured divisions have been attacked in the rear by a British armoured force which had swept round his right flank some 20 miles south-west of Gazala.

He massed all his tanks to stave off the attack and when darkness fell, withdrew two German armoured divisions as well as possibly, an Ariete Division north-westward along the coast towards Derna.

A small British force which had been sent to Tmimi on the coast road to hinder such withdrawal is presumably now in full action.

Simultaneously with tank action the Indian troops rolled back the right flank of three Italian divisions which were supposed to hold the line running south-westward from Gazala while the Poles operating along the coast, broke through the enemy's left flank.

Thus Gen. Rommel's main infantry force which he had made no effort to withdraw—presumably owing to lack of transport—is now contained within a "U" formation composed of the British, the New Zealanders, the Indians and the Poles.

A broad gap within the horns of the "U" still allows their escape if they act quickly.

In any case such forces as Gen. Rommel saved from the fighting around Tobruk have now once again been cut up and disorganised making it difficult for him to put up a decisive stand.

A few thousand Italian and several hundred German prisoners have been taken in the last four days of bitter fighting around Gazala but their importance is psychological rather than military.—Reuter.

INDIAN SAPPERS HOLD AGAINST ENEMY TANKS

German Attempt To Break Through Formidable Line Foiled

CAIRO, Dec. 19.

John Hetherington, A. I. F. War Correspondent in his dispatch, tells the story of three furious attempts by German tanks in two days to smash through the Indian line south-west from Gazala, which were flung back. I spent the day with the Indians", he writes.

In the afternoon 40 German mark three and mark four tanks came sweeping down in a solid mass on one sector where the men were just drawing breath after the morning fighting. The Germans evidently were out to break the line at all costs.

The Indians were supported by only 10 American tanks, and these rolled out to meet the German armoured fleet. The German tanks were able to outrange the Americans but the lighter guns of the American tanks spat steel at the attackers and forced part of the German force to stand and shoot it out with them.

The Indians' fire was deadly and only a few tanks broke through. They overran one troop of gunners but were unable to do much damage before being driven back. The rest of the German tanks ranged up and down like furious beasts in front of the Indian line, trying to break through or force the Indians to give ground.

But the line held and when dusk fell the tanks, many badly scarred, were forced to draw off without having gained a single inch of ground. Twelve remained on the battlefield. The German tank recovery section was able to withdraw eight during the night. Indian sappers blew up the other enemy tanks.—Reuter.

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If any local authority fails to comply or delays compliance with the appropriate Government's order or if it is necessary or expedient so to do for ensuring the due maintenance of the vital services of the local authority in the event of hostile attack, the appropriate Government may supersede the local authority, of which all the members shall thereafter vacate their office and all the powers shall be exercised by such person or persons as the appropriate Government may direct.—A. P.

AXIS FORCES IN GAZALA ENCIRCLED

Big Battle Results In Italians Abandoning Rifles, Grenades, Etc.

CAIRO, Dec. 19.

Reuter's special correspondent with British tanks near Gazala, writes:—

Since noon yesterday our heavy tanks, lorries and infantry have been encircling Axis positions around Gazala. On the ridge before me a battle raged between our forces and Axis gunners, who were trying to prevent them from falling on the Axis infantry holding strong points on the escarpment west of south Gazala.

Our tanks turned westward where it was reported that enemy tanks were prowling on our left flank, and later a heavy cannonading suggested that they had come into conflict. Adding to the confusion, enemy bombers lurking in the clouds, dropped several sticks of bombs but apparently did little damage to our tanks.

ENEMY IN RETREAT

Approaching this position yesterday morning I paused and examined several captured anti-tank guns, mostly French 25 millimetres made in 1940.

Pushing west I saw plenty of evidence of the hasty Italian retreat—quantities of abandoned rifles, ammunition, grenades and motor-cycles and everywhere letters and photographs blowing in the wind, as well as quantities of discarded boots and bedraggled bonnets and an abandoned Italian ambulance littered with blood-stained surgical dressings, with doors creaking in the wind.

There was also abundant evidence of the Nazi withdrawal in the form of German lorries and staff cars being used by the British.

MAORIS TAKE MUD VILLAGE

Early on Sunday morning Maori troops supported by heavy British tanks attacked the enemy holding the ridge south of Gazala, and drove them back to the main Derna road capturing a mud village in which the enemy had been sheltering.

The Maoris threw grenades and then rushed into the village with tommy-guns blazing and silenced enemy machine-guns one by one. They took 300 Italian prisoners.

While the New Zealanders cleared Gazala, Indians south-west of it had an arduous but a glorious day yesterday. British gunners who at Sidi Omar destroyed 18 Nazi tanks in one afternoon, destroyed another 15 enemy tanks yesterday.

A few gallant gun-crews who held fire until the last moment were over-run by tanks. During the day 500 Italians were captured by the Indians and five Stukas were shot down by Indian light anti-aircraft weapons.

During Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the area around and beyond Gazala these Indians suffered no fewer than 14 Stukas raids but shot down 15 enemy planes in that period.—Reuter.

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Weekly Market Reviews

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
BOMBAY, Dec. 19.

MONEY

The local short-term money market continued to be characterised by steadiness. Call money was quoted at 1 per cent. with three to six months' money placeable around 1-1/2 per cent. The discount rate on Government of India Treasury Bills came down fractionally from Re. 0-15-11 to Re. 0-15-9 per cent. per annum. During the week, the sale of Treasury Bills on tap amounted to Rs. 44.75 lacs.

Yet another increase of Rs. 4.96 crores in the active note circulation in India is revealed by the Reserve Bank of India statement compiled upto 12th December. The total note issue shows an expansion of Rs. 5.98 crores. On the Assets' side, Sterling Securities held by the Bank register another substantial increase of Rs. 11.99 crores, while Rupee Coin have declined by Rs. 1.02 crores and Rupee Securities by Rs. 4.99 crores. The ratio of Gold Coin and Bullion plus Sterling Securities to Liabilities has risen by 2.278 to 76.777 per cent. In the Banking Department, Government Deposits have receded by Rs. 2.85 crores and Bankers' by Rs. 5.14 crores, whilst the item of 'Other Deposits' has gone up by Rs. 1.52 crores. Balances held abroad have fallen by Rs. 6.93 crores. Government have borrowed afresh Rs. 30 lacs against Ways and Means.

The statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India for the week ended 12th December records a drop of Rs. 13.02 lacs in all kinds of Deposits. Investments show an increase of Rs. 23.24 lacs and Advances have gone up by Rs. 126.18 lacs. The Bank's holding of Cash is depleted to the extent of Rs. 163.89 lacs.

GILT-EDGED.

The local gilt-edged market displayed a drooping trend and values of most securities lost considerable ground during the course of the week. There were sellers in almost all securities with buyers scarce. The turnover, in consequence, was small. 3-1/2 per cent. India Sterling Stock in London remained unchanged at £98-3/4 throughout the week, whilst 3-1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper locally ruled easy at Rs. 92-4 as compared with the opening level of Rs. 94-12. Among other dated bonds, long-dated ones were particularly weak; 3 per cent. 1963-65 loan declined from Rs. 94-10 to Rs. 93, 4 per cent. 1960-70 loan was quoted down from Rs. 109-12 to Rs. 108-12 and 4-1/2 per cent. 1955-60 loan lost about 1-1/2 points at Rs. 113. 2-3/4 per cent. 1948-52 loan dropped from Rs. 97-12 to Rs. 97, 3 per cent. 1946 bonds from Rs. 101-10 to Rs. 101 and 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan from Rs. 99-8 to Rs. 98-12. There were sellers in 3-1/2 per cent. 1947-50 loan at Rs. 107 and in 4 per cent. 1943 bonds at Rs. 103, whilst 5 per cent. 1945-55 (tax free) loan was inclined to be offered at Rs. 108-8.

EXCHANGE.

There was no change to report in the conditions prevailing in the rupee/sterling exchange market during the period under review. For interbank business, sellers of spot T. T. on London quoted 1s. 5-63/64d. and buyers 1s. 6d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:—

Sellers of T. T. on London (spot and upto six months) 1s. 5-31/32d.

Buyers of T. T. on London (spot and upto six months) 1s. 6-1/32d.

In New York, sterling bay fixed at 403.75 cents throughout the week. Quotations for the Shanghai Dollar were not available since the occupation of the International Settlement by the Japanese early last week.

GOLD.

The gold market continued to be unusually active. The tone was firm and new highs were reached during the week under review. The price of spot gold opened at Rs. 47-9 and kept advancing steadily till it broke last year's record of Rs. 48-8 and touched Rs. 50-2 on Wednesday following discouraging war news from the Far East. Thereafter, there was a slight setback and the rate receded to Rs. 48-11-6 at the close. Earlier in the week, there was severe shortage of ready gold and the premium for cash on January settlement at one time widened to eight annas, but towards the close, it again narrowed down to four annas on account of greater arrivals from upcountry. The dealers having agreed not to trade for deliveries extending beyond one month, there was no quotation for gold to be delivered in the February settlement. The demand for sovereign was again keener and the price went up from Rs. 32-3 to Rs. 33-12 per coin during the week and closed at Rs. 33-4. Floating stocks of gold in the market are estimated to be about 50,000 tolas; arrivals from upcountry are said to have averaged about 7,000 tolas a day; while the average daily offtake ranged between 15,000 and 20,000 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 50-2 and 47-7 for spot and Rs. 49-12 and Rs. 47-5 for January settlement.

SILVER.

The silver section of the local bullion market also ruled firm. There was very good demand for spot silver with recor. upcountry offtake and the cash quotation for .999 fineness silver went up from Rs. 66-10-6 to Rs. 71-10 on Friday—a rise of Rs. 5 over the opening and Rs. 9-4 over the rate of standard silver sold by the Reserve Bank of India. January settlement, which was quoted at a discount of Rs. 1-8 at the opening, stood nearly Rs. 4-12 under towards the close. Silver to be delivered in the February settlement, which commanded a premium of 2 to 2-1/2 annas over January early in the week, was later quoted at a discount of 1 anna at the close. In London, there was no change in the now familiar rate of 23-1/2d. for both cash and two months' forward delivery silver except at the close when forward was quoted 1/16d. higher. Stocks of silver in the local market are estimated to be about 12,500 bars. The highest and lowest rates touched were Rs. 71-10 and Rs. 66-10-6 for spot, Rs. 67-5-6 and Rs. 65-4-6 for January settlement and Rs. 67-4-6 and Rs. 65-7 for February settlement.

SHARES.

The optimism apparent on the stock market towards the end of last week proved unreal and prices dropped steeply under selling pressure and a state of panic prevailed. The situation seemed to be getting out of hand and the Stock Exchange Authorities had once again to declare a state of emergency and close the market for forward trading pending the fixation of minimum prices. On Tuesday, minimum prices were fixed for 28 scrips on the forward list and negotiations were carried on with the Government of Bombay with a view to obtaining their permission for this step. The market remained closed for three days and opened on Friday in a slightly better frame of mind and prices firmed up up all-round and closed well above the minimum fixed.

Tata Iron and Steel Deferreds crashed from Rs. 1920 to as low as Rs. 1,615 and Ordinaries lost over 60 points to Rs. 300, but subsequently recovered and closed at Rs. 1740 and Rs. 329 respectively. Amongst textiles, Bombay Dyeing were slashed down from Rs. 327-8 to Rs. 1160, Central Indias from Rs. 444 to Rs. 352 and Centuries from Rs. 462 to Rs.375, but were quoted higher at Rs. 1,246-4, Rs. 402 and Rs. 429 at the close. Colabas moved down from Rs. 257 to Rs. 195 and Gokaks from Rs. 345 to Rs. 260, but closed somewhat better at Rs. 225, and Rs. 301. Kohinoors dropped by about 100 points to Rs. 472 and New Greats slipped down from Rs. 350 to as low as Rs. 285, but later found active buyers at Rs. 529 and Rs. 325. Swadeshis, after touching the low of Rs. 375 as compared with the opening level of Rs. 475, improved at the end to Rs.440. Bank and Utility shares also suffered a setback; Bank of Indias were quoted down to Rs. 139 and Reserve Banks to Rs. 104-8, whilst Central Banks were offered at Rs. 46. Imperial Bank Fully Paids ruled easier at Rs. 1,580 and Partly Paids at Rs. 382-8. Andhra Valleys were nominally quoted at Rs. 1650, whilst Tata Powers were inclined to be offered at Rs. 1,650. Bombay Trams lost about 12 points to Rs. 148. In the miscellaneous bloc of shares, Associated Cements touched the low of Rs. 153 and Belapurs were down to Rs. 250, but later found good support at Rs. 164-8 and Rs. 292. Bombay Burmas, after dropping from Rs. 380 to Rs. 300, made considerable headway to Rs. 360. Scindia Steams and New Indias ruled weak at Rs. 19-1 and Rs. 49-8 mid-week, but recovered and closed at Rs. 22-4 and Rs. 52.

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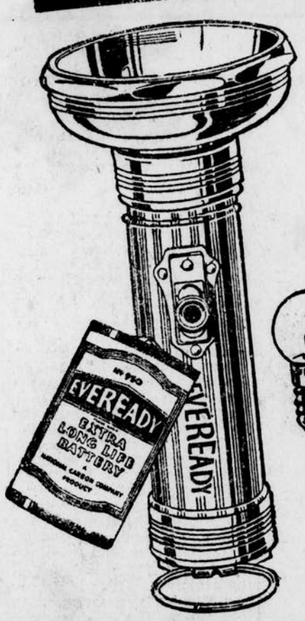

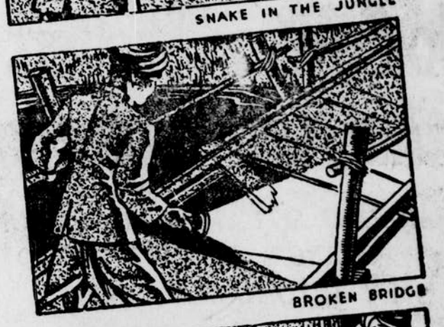

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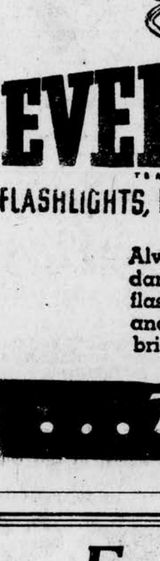

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INDIAN QUESTION RAISED AGAIN:

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FAR EAST SITUATION NO REASON TO CHANGE OPPOSITION TO AUTOMOBILE PROJECT

LABOUR PARTY AND INDIA

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Indian matters figured prominently in Parliament to-day.

The Parliamentary Labour Party discussed the Indian situation in the light of developments in the Far East and their significance to India. It was decided to establish an Indian Committee of the Labour Party, the composition of which will be decided by the National Executive of the Party.

This is the first time that the party has set up a Committee which will deal exclusively with Indian problems. Its members will keep close touch with labour members of Government on the subject.

The feeling was expressed at the meeting that much more could be done to transform India's resources to war purposes and make use of the untapped reserve of man-power. It was proposed that Government should turn over the control of all domestic matters to the Indians while retaining powers as regards defence, but the majority present did not agree to it.

Mr. Attlee presided at the meeting and promised to give careful attention to the points raised.

Questions were asked in the Commons regarding the Viceroy's recent appeal, some Labour members declaring that such appeals in the past had been ineffective.

Mr. George MacDonald (Labour) asked Mr. Amery whether there was not a great danger of a great amount of fifth column work in India and the war effort being undermined thereby.

Mr. Amery replied I am not aware of that.

With regard to the Viceroy's appeal, Mr. Shinwell asked: "Instead of an appeal, should not a first move be made and should not the first move come from Government?

Mr. Amery replied: All moves naturally come from the Viceroy and the Viceroy has done all in his power.

Amery Against Motor Factory In India

Mr. Ammon asked Mr. Amery whether having regard to the war situation in the Far East and the threat to India from it, he will reconsider the proposals for the establishment of automobile manufacturing industry in India.

Mr. Amery replied that the extension of the war had not increased the resources available for the establishment of automobile industry in India or afforded grounds for a reconsideration of the decision taken solely to secure India's maximum war effort.

The matter had been carefully considered and the conclusion was reached that the attempt would divert the labour and machinery more urgently needed for the war effort. Suggestions had been made for setting up this industry after the war under conditions which made the Government of India conclude that it could profitably be given the necessary priority for materials and labour.

The question of protection of the Indian population against air raids was also raised.

Mr. Amery declared that experts were of the opinion that conditions in India were unsuitable for covered shelters on an extensive scale but in certain areas trench shelters had been provided.

In the main, he added, resort will be had to dispersal from crowded areas to temporary camps.

"Daily Herald" Indicts Govt.

The argument that there is a skeleton in Britain's cupboard anent India but that a solution of the Indian issue would contribute incalculably to the winning of the war is the theme of a leading article in Friday's "Daily Herald".

"The "Herald" says that the skeleton is the inability of British statesmanship so far to reach an agreement with the Indian political leaders. Some British statesmen have taken refuge from their consciences in the excuse that since Indian political leaders cannot agree among themselves, Britain has no cause for shame.

That tale does not distract the eye from the grin of the skeleton. Britain rules India. Britain claims to be India's guide and guardian. And for Britain to dodge her responsibilities while retaining her rule is pharisaic and contemptible evasion.

"We want India on our side", continues the "Herald", "not merely detesting our enemies as Gandhi and Nehru detest them; not merely hoping we shall win but helping us to win, fighting, thinking and working with us".

The "Herald", commenting that it recently and rightly had given much space to the Indian issue, says a solution of the issue will contribute incalculably to the winning of the war.

The "Herald" continues. "Incalculately too, our efforts will be clogged if no solution is forthcoming. This is not merely a strategical question, though God knows the Japanese advances make the strategical aspect real enough.

Secure India's Co-operation

If Britain can secure absolute co-operation of India; if she can truly claim that the country is a contented and whole-hearted collaborator, she will immediately enhance her prestige, inspire her friends and deprive her enemies of a rich subject for sneering propaganda.

But expediency is not the sole ground for action. Justice, the proper and prior motive. We are fighting the war for justice and to establish the freedom of peoples.

Our shield is tarnished by our present relationship with India. The leaders of India are not satisfied with any of the policies we have given them so far—that they will be admitted within a measurable time to full partnership and nationhood.

Instead of deploring their distrust, we must try to remove it. That we shall never do by telling them to settle their own differences and talk to us afterwards. The chief difference is that which exists between India and the ruling power. Nothing could more easily deal with the Indian dispute than a generous gesture from Britain.

It is excellent news that the Labour Party has decided to emphasise its anxiety about the Indian issue. More than one solution has been proposed. Most of them bristle with difficulties.

But if we cannot boldly face such difficulties as these, our claim to be able to lead the post-war world into decent ways of living will be hard to justify.

Above all it is intolerable that the British Government should treat the Indian problem with limp and shoulder shrugging resignation which has marked its attitude in recent months.

Labour by demanding action enlists the sympathy, not only of its own supporters, but of active men and women in every party".

"If India gets freedom by Britain's choice, she will give better terms than if Britain acts under the spur of necessity", declared Sir Hari Singh Gour in an interview to the "Daily Herald".

He recalled Mr. Lloyd George's statement that without India's aid in 1914—18 victory could not have been won and said that this was true now. The way to end communal differences was to grant power. Japan was seeking to win India but Britain at one stroke could end Japanese manoeuvres.

Indian Contingent Visits Commons

Members of the Indian contingent stationed in this country had a surprise when they visited the House of Commons to-day. Mr. Amery was introduced to the officers in charge and had a short talk with them prior to answering questions about India in the Commons. The party was conducted over the House and taken into the strangers' gallery from which the leading figures in the House of Commons were pointed out to them.

The officers present were Risaldar Inayatali, Risaldar Mohammadali, Risaldar Hassan Khan and Gemadar Ouman Hayat.

Federal Court Judges Bill

India was also discussed in the House of Lords where the Duke of Devonshire moved an amendment to the India (Federal Court Judges) Bill.

He pointed out that the Bill was introduced to deal with a particular contingency and said that the amendment was intended to take the opportunity provided by the Bill to widen the scope of the new provisions in order to meet possible contingencies which might arise.

The Bill provides for appointment of a temporary judge in circumstances in which one of the Permanent Judges has personal interest in a case.

The amendment is intended, the Duke said, to cover circumstances in which one Permanent Judge has taken such a part in previous proceedings as would make it undesirable that he should assist in the hearing of the case on appeal. The amendment was agreed to without discussion.

The Bill passed the remaining stages in the Lords and will return to the Commons the first day after the Christmas recess.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT SIGNS WIDE POWERS FOR HIMSELF

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.

President Roosevelt signed the legislation giving him new administrative authority to prosecute the war.

The powers, which re-enact and extend those granted to President Woodrow Wilson, include:

First—Establishment of censorship over all forms of foreign communication.

Second—Redistribution of Government administrative functions.

Third—Modification of defence contracts permitting them to be entered into without competitive bidding or performance bonds.

Fourth—Control of alien financial transactions and utilization of approximately seven billions of alien property in the United States.

ENEMY TRANSPORT AND DESTROYER SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A United States submarine sank an enemy transport and probably a destroyer in the Far East.—Reuter

Wellesley Province Evacuated And Penang Isolated

Troops Fall Back On New Lines Of Defence

ENEMY DRIVEN BACK ACROSS MUDA RIVER: TRANSPORT AND DESTROYER SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 19.

Continuing their gradual withdrawal and reorganisation southward from north-west Malaya British troops have now established themselves south of the Sungei River, according to to-day's noon Communique from Singapore.

This means we have had to leave the Province of Wellesley for the time being to the Japanese and Penang is cut off entirely from contact with the mainland.

Whether the Japanese will attempt to take Penang by direct assault across the few miles of water separating it from the Province of Wellesley or whether they will push on and leave it isolated in their rear, time alone will show.

It was hoped for a while that British troops would be able to make a stand on the Muda River to the north of the Province of Wellesley where official communiques for the past two days have said fighting was in progress.

This river offered the first line with any semblance of a natural defensive position, but it was not much of a line.

The Muda River is not more than 100 yards wide, it is not very deep and it has gradually sloping banks and clear stretch of agricultural country around it.

British troops presumably found it impossible to hold the enemy's mechanised forces there and what little destruction of bridges could be effected was probably rendered useless by the speed with which the Japanese were able to throw temporary bridges across.

Immediately south of the Muda River there is little in the country to prevent rapid advance and the Japanese appear to have lost no time in pressing right on to the next obstacle—the Sungei Krian.

From the Muda River to the Sungei Krian the country is mainly flat, consisting of rice fields or carefully planned rubber estates with wide tracks. There is also a network of roads criss-crossing the Province of Wellesley in all directions to and from Butterworth.

Unopposed Withdrawal

The Thursday evening communique from Singapore states "No enemy activity was reported today either in the Kedah or Kelantan fronts.

Japanese air activity was confined to the area around Ipoh.

It is now learned that prior to yesterday's withdrawal from the River Muda a strong attack was launched by the enemy in an endeavour to capture the Perak Bridge.

This was repulsed, the enemy being driven back across the river leaving behind many dead.

The subsequent withdrawal was carried out unopposed.

This morning an R.A.F. Catalina flying boat, while on reconnaissance 250 miles south-west of Saigon, encountered an enemy twin-engined bomber. In the ensuing engagement, which lasted 15 minutes, our aircraft outmanoeuvred the enemy and inflicted such damage that it broke off the attack and was last seen with smoke pouring from one engine."

U. S. Communiques

Both the Navy and the War Department communiques from Washington show that there is little change in the situation in the Philippine theatre of war, in the western Atlantic, eastern Pacific and the central Pacific, but that one enemy transport and probably an enemy destroyer have been sunk in the Far East.

The War Department communique says:

"PHILIPPINE THEATRE: Commanding General, Far Eastern Command, reports enemy air activity during December 18 was confined mild raiding over Luzon. Ground operations were unimportant, patrol actions.

Nothing to report from other areas."

The Navy communique says:

"ATLANTIC: The naval situation has been without an incident. Heavy weather continues in the western Atlantic.

EASTERN PACIFIC: There are no new developments to report.

CENTRAL PACIFIC: No new developments to report.

FAR EAST: Submarine actions against enemy force in the Far East have resulted in the sinking of an enemy transport and probably loss of one enemy destroyer."

The Army Secretary Mr. Stimson told the press to-day that the War Department was planning to expand the army to the greatest strength needed, relying for the increase entirely on the selective service system.

Voluntary enlistments would be halted as soon as "the present rush subsides," Mr. Stimson added.

Registration Bill Passed

The Senate to-day passed legislation for the registration of all men from 18 to 64 and making those from 19 to 45 liable to military service.

It rejected an amendment to fix the minimum age for compulsory military service at 21.

The vote was in connection with the passage of the administration's bill for the registration of all men from 16 to 64.

The bill also provides that men from 18 to 64 should be liable for military service.

The House of Representatives yesterday fixed 21 as the lowest age limit.

U. S. WAR DEPT. COMMUNIQUE

The U. S. War Department has issued the following communique:—

"An army airplane 'en route' from Phoenix, Arizona, to Hamiltaon field, California, with several army officers, including Major-General Hebbert Dargue as passenger has been missing since the evening of December 12.

The plane was last reported at Palmdale, California, and it is believed that it may have crashed or been forced down on mountains in that vicinity.

When the plane failed to arrive at its destination on schedule a search was instituted which is still continuing."

Major-General Dargue is Commander of the First Air Corps.

The British Ministry of Information announce, "A cable from Singapore dated Thursday states that the British Resident in Selangor has issued a communique denying current rumours that the Government contemplates the evacuation of women and children from Selangor, especially from Kuala Lumpur.

The rumours are entirely false and contrary to Government policy.

He urges everyone to stand fast and keep calm."

A new rule has been enforced in the port Swettenham area where no one other than a police officer or a member of the armed forces of the Government in uniform is allowed outdoors between 6-30 p.m. and 6-30 a.m.

Port Swettenham in the State of Selangor, is 25 miles west of Kuala Lumpur and is the nearest sizable seaport to it.

Japanese planes attacked Saran on the north-east coast of New Guinea.

Dutch planes took off and the enemy retired.

Japanese bombs missed their objectives.

Up to a late hour on Thursday night the Portuguese public were not informed of the occupation of Timor by Australian and Dutch forces.

Only those who listened in to foreign broadcasts learned of this new development in the Pacific, says a cable from Lisbon.

Tin supplies in the United States will be taken over by the State. Rationing of motor tyres has been introduced and civilian consumption of rubber products will be cut by 80 per cent. The Government will control the Californian oil industry.

A Manila dispatch says that Government is in complete control of all provinces in the Philippines except small areas in northern Luzon.

BUDDHIST MONASTERY BOMBED

Enemy Planes Over Tenasserim Again

RANGOON, Dec. 18.

Three rest houses attached to a Buddhist monastery and part of the monastery itself were destroyed in recent Japanese air raids on Tavoy, a town in the Tenasserim Division of South Burma, it is learned here.

The first civilian casualties in the same area, it is officially stated, were caused by Japanese bombs falling on religious ground.

A statement from civil defence authorities says that a town in Tennasserim Division had an air raid warning lasting 46 minutes on Wednesday.

There is no report of any bombs being dropped.—A. P.

No Christmas Holiday For Burma

RANGOON, December 18.

Burma is having neither Christmas nor New Year holidays this year.

This announcement to-day indicates the tempo of Burma's vigilance and war effort.

With a view to maintaining the flow of food supplies and other essential goods, Government is introducing a war risk insurance scheme.—A. P.

SLIT TRENCHES FOR MADRAS

MADRAS, Dec. 19.

"In view of Japan's entry into the war, the Government have issued instructions that slit trenches for as large a part of the population as possible upto 25 per cent., should now be provided in all open spaces in the city belonging to the Government and the Madras Corporation whether occupied or not", says a Press Note issued to-day.

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